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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 7th January 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 7th January 1956, the births of 1,039 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 666 marriages and 727 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 13.4 and the death-rate 14.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 23 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.0 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.8 above the average. The death-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, but 1.9 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.3 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 16.9 in Kilmarnock to 8.4 in Falkirk and 7.7 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Glasgow 16.8 and Perth 16.6. In Edinburgh the rate was 13.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 4 and are 2 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia, 1 from measles, and 2 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 6 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 88, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 33, being 12 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 11 were aged 0-6 days, and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 445, and are 13 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 35, and are 5 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the period (two weeks) ended 3rd January 1956, was 28,799. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.9° being 0.2° below that for the previous week, but 3.7° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.09 inch, and the mean sunshine 11.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 1 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 7th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	.	12	5	..	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	8	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	8	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	..	67	1	..	3	13	..	..	1	6	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	6
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	5	..	..	..	67	1	..	3	27	1	..	1	..	25	..	14	6	..	..	..	..	9
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	..	7
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	8	36	..	3	3	105	..	7	..	..	..	8	1	..	13	215	..	3	7	1	38	..	20	5	..	..	1	..	14
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	10	64	..	3	3	116	..	13	2	..	1	8	1	..	15	300	16	6	7	6	81	..	44	7	..	..	1	..	32
GRAND TOTAL	15	72	..	3	3	131	1	23	2	..	2	76	4	..	18	355	22	7	8	6	116	..	68	13	..	..	1	..	51

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 1

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 7, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 3, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in period ended 3rd January 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	506	345	365	42	26	349	16.8	13	5	..	14	..	3	2	2	7	7	24	30	40	48	18	210	49	32	42.0	0.10	6.4	8,053
2. Edinburgh	468,800	164	88	141	24	3	120	13.3	3	2	..	6	2	..	1	2	..	..	2	10	21	20	9	68	51	33	43.8	0.00	14.4	2,201
3. Aberdeen	186,200	60	42	61	14	5	52	14.6	..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	9	11	2	35	55	33	42.7	0.09	21.8	954
4. Dundee	177,100	71	56	45	7	3	41	12.1	1	2	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	7	10	..	26	53	33	42.5	0.01	18.4	942
5. Paisley	94,700	35	12	31	6	1	26	14.3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	1	17	51	33	44.4	0.10	7.2	715
6. Greenock	77,300	24	11	19	3	1	17	11.5	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	4	2	..	12	51	37	44.6	0.27	3.5	882
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	26	18	21	1	3	23	17.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	5	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	956
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	8	10	..	1	11	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	501
9. Coatbridge	49,900	19	16	9	..	5	14	14.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	585
10. Dunfermline	45,100	14	9	5	1	4	8	9.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	3	49	32	42.9	0.03	7.9	484
11. Clydebank	47,600	22	6	5	3	5	7	7.7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	604
12. Ayr	42,800	21	6	13	7	1	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	476
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	9	2	11	1	4	14	16.9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	9	49	31	40.2	0.17	5.9	405
14. Perth	40,800	11	12	13	..	..	13	16.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	8	52	32	42.9	0.02	15.4	286
15. Hamilton	40,700	15	17	7	..	4	11	14.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	864
16. Falkirk	37,200	11	8	11	5	..	6	8.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	458
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	10	7	1	2	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	398
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 7, 1956	2,587,900	1039	666	774	115	68	727	14.6	24	11	1	33	3	5	4	4	9	9	36	52	104	110	35	445	55†	31†	42.9‡	0.09‡	11.2‡	
Dec. 31, 1955	2,587,900	939	831	758	127	68	699	14.1	27	15	2	45	3	5	..	6	15	15	26	47	119	103	40	432	55†	27†	43.1‡	1.52‡	8.4‡	
Jan. 8, 1955	2,586,800‖	1043	488	775	125	61	711	14.3	31	22	3	38	10	8	1	5	13	12	36	40	114	95	43	436	41†	23†	35.8‡	0.26‡	1.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
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NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 14th January 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 14th January 1956, the births of 971 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 257 marriages and 756 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.6 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.2 and the death-rate 15.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.3 less than in the previous week, but 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 8.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.2 above the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, but 2.0 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.4 in Perth and 18.2 in Falkirk to 9.7 in Kilmarnock and 9.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Airdrie 18.0 and Glasgow 17.6. In Edinburgh the rate was 13.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are 2 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia and 5 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, of which 12 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 more than in the previous week, and the latter 3 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 97, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.0 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 18 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 478, and are 33 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 14 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 10th January 1956, was 25,630. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 32.4° being 10.5° below that for the previous week, and 6.6° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.51 inch, and the mean sunshine 12.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 2 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 14th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	11	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	33	..	..	..	10	..	4	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	33	..	..	..	11	..	4	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	5	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	2

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B	1	..	..	..	..	15	.	..	..	..	..	66	1	..	1	24	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	26
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	1	6	..	..	..	21	..	3	1	..	..	66	1	..	4	41	..	..	..	1	22	..	11	3	..	..	2	..	..	35
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	.	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	18	..	2	..	..	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	15
Airdrie B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	8	204	..	3	1	65	..	10	..	..	..	23	4	..	12	220	..	..	6	2	26	..	41	3	..	..	1	..	..	16
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	.	..	..	8	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	20	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	13	236	..	3	1	82	..	13	2	..	1	25	4	..	17	303	33	3	6	6	59	..	73	6	..	..	2	..	..	48
GRAND TOTAL	17	276	..	3	1	116	..	21	3	..	1	91	12	..	21	366	47	6	6	7	93	..	91	11	..	..	5	..	..	89

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 2

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 14, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 10, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 10th January 1956 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	435	134	388	39	17	366	17.6	13	12	1	15	2	3	..	6	8	6	17	45	49	40	8	221	40	20	31.1	0.34	11.9	7,912
2. Edinburgh	468,800	159	33	144	29	5	120	13.3	3	3	1	6	1	3	..	..	2	1	1	6	20	22	3	85	40	23	32.6	0.27	15.1	2,131
3. Aberdeen	186,200	59	15	54	9	2	47	13.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	10	5	1	35	39	18	31.6	1.14	8.9	1,045
4. Dundee	177,100	66	16	54	8	2	48	14.1	1	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	3	8	11	..	30	41	23	32.6	0.66	15.4	971
5. Paisley	94,700	21	2	26	5	2	23	12.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	3	2	14	44	23	33.5	0.26	11.3	507
6. Greenock	77,300	34	11	30	9	2	23	15.5	1	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	1	8	..	13	41	26	34.1	0.56	10.8	668
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	35	12	9	1	4	12	9.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	763
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	19	5	13	1	4	16	16.5	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	361
9. Coatbridge	49,900	19	6	10	2	2	10	10.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	564
10. Dunfermline	45,100	12	3	11	3	1	9	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	6	41	20	32.2	0.17	14.4	342
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	..	10	2	7	15	16.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	5	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	495
12. Ayr	42,800	17	1	10	2	3	11	13.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	409
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	17	5	12	4	..	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	42	21	32.4	0.36	13.6	348
14. Perth	40,800	10	4	15	2	3	16	20.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	3	12	41	20	31.3	0.87	10.3	246
15. Hamilton	40,700	17	6	8	2	2	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	703
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	..	15	4	2	13	18.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	358
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	4	8	..	3	11	18.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	268
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 14, 1956	2,587,900	971	257	817	122	61	756	15.2	22	18	2	29	4	8	1	6	15	12	30	67	108	113	21	478	44†	18†	32.4‡	0.51‡	12.4‡	
Jan. 7, 1956	2,587,900	1039	666	774	115	68	727	14.6	24	11	1	33	3	5	4	4	9	9	36	52	104	110	35	445	55†	31†	42.9‡	0.09‡	11.2‡	
Jan. 15, 1955	2,586,800‖	889	254	795	124	64	735	14.8	26	25	3	44	7	7	5	4	18	15	25	48	105	115	29	467	43†	10†	29.0‡	1.03‡	13.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 3

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 21st January 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 21st January 1956, the births of 1,034 living children, and of 28 stillborn children, 216 marriages and 786 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 4.4 and the death-rate 15.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 26 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.2 more than in the previous week, and 2.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.8 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, but 1.3 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.1 in Dunfermline and 18.6 in Edinburgh to 8.5 in Kilmarnock and 8.3 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 17.6 and Falkirk 16.8. In Glasgow the rate was 16.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 4 and are 2 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from typhoid fever, 1 from whooping cough, and 2 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 2 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 96, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.4 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 37, being 8 more than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 534, and are 56 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 5 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 17th January 1956, was 26,854. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 37.6° being 5.2° above that for the previous week, but 0.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.73 inch, and the mean sunshine 9.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 3 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 21st, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	56	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	56	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	17	5	1	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	11

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kirkcaldy B.	..	9	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	..	1	14	..	..	..	..	5	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	8
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	9	..	..	..	27	1	5	..	..	..	38	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	22	..	17	3	..	..	..	..	15
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	13
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	15	..	1	..	..	4	..	11	4	..	..	..	..	21
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	6	262	..	2	1	71	..	8	..	..	..	27	..	..	4	188	..	..	6	2	31	..	48	2	1	..	..	..	22
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	8	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	18	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	8
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	290	..	2	1	93	..	17	..	..	..	27	1	..	7	259	18	1	6	2	74	..	91	9	1	..	..	..	73
GRAND TOTAL	9	356	..	3	1	125	1	27	2	..	..	65	3	..	9	323	24	2	6	3	109	..	118	15	1	..	3	..	107

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 3

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 21, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 17, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 17th January 1956 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	487	90	352	29	13	336	16.2	13	9	2	16	4	1	1	3	3	3	20	37	50	44	11	217	47	29	37.1	0.87	8.6	8,508
2. Edinburgh	468,800	147	36	184	20	3	167	18.6	2	1	1	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	7	32	32	5	127	47	30	38.4	0.31	11.0	2,328
3. Aberdeen	186,200	66	19	59	13	1	47	13.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	10	2	36	47	27	34.8	0.63	14.0	985
4. Dundee	177,100	58	14	49	5	3	47	13.8	4	2	1	3	1	..	..	..	2	2	2	3	7	8	2	28	48	29	36.5	0.25	10.9	951
5. Paisley	94,700	42	9	37	7	2	32	17.6	3	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	6	1	21	49	31	39.9	1.16	7.7	620
6. Greenock	77,300	35	9	24	2	1	23	15.5	..	4	..	4	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	..	..	12	48	30	39.3	1.81	4.2	681
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	42	7	8	3	8	13	9.8	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	829
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	6	9	2	1	8	8.3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	376
9. Coatbridge	49,900	26	..	14	2	3	15	15.7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	495
10. Dunfermline	45,100	11	6	22	5	3	20	23.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	4	2	14	47	29	36.8	0.34	7.3	423
11. Clydebank	47,600	11	1	10	..	4	14	15.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	526
12. Ayr	42,800	11	2	17	4	..	13	15.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	438
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	20	3	10	3	..	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	5	46	29	38.3	0.92	6.6	377
14. Perth	40,800	17	3	16	5	1	12	15.3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	1	2	..	2	..	8	48	25	37.7	0.32	11.8	244
15. Hamilton	40,700	17	6	7	..	6	13	16.6	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	803
16. Falkirk	37,200	14	2	15	3	..	12	16.8	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	348
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	3	8	2	1	7	11.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	255
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 21, 1956.	2,587,900	1034	216	841	105	50	786	15.8	28	22	4	37	15	2	2	4	10	10	37	59	126	120	26	534	49†	25†	37.6‡	0.73‡	9.1‡	
Jan. 14, 1956.	2,587,900	971	257	817	122	61	756	15.2	22	18	2	29	4	8	1	6	15	12	30	67	108	113	21	478	44†	18†	32.4‡	0.51‡	12.4‡	
Jan. 22, 1955.	2,586,800‖	921	265	924	129	81	876	17.7	26	15	4	37	3	8	1	5	15	14	37	81	124	112	32	554	44†	14†	31.4‡	0.39‡	11.5‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 4

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 28th January 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 28th January 1956, the births of 884 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 275 marriages and 795 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.5 and the death-rate 16.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 3.0 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.0 in Hamilton and 18.8 in Motherwell & Wishaw to 11.4 in Kirkcaldy and Airdrie and 10.4 in Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 18.2 and Glasgow 17.1. In Edinburgh the rate was 16.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are 2 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 19, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 more than in the previous week, and the latter 9 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 103, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.1 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 30, being 7 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 21 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 499, and are 35 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 34, and are 8 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 24th January 1956, was 25,328. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 33.7° being 3.9° below that for the previous week, and 5.6° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.10 inches and the mean sunshine 13.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 4 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 28th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	27	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	24	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	5
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	27	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	26	1	..	..	..	8	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	6

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B	..	..	..	..	..	22	.	1	..	..	1	51	..	..	3	28	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	14
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	13	..	..	..	26	..	4	1	..	1	53	..	..	15	32	..	..	..	1	20	..	34	4	..	..	..	..	22
Western Region.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	27	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	8	146	..	5	7	112	2	9	..	..	..	30	1	..	7	211	..	2	1	1	34	..	43	3	..	..	1	..	24
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	.	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	10	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	14	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	9	176	..	5	7	140	2	15	..	..	..	32	3	..	16	300	18	2	2	1	81	..	73	3	..	..	1	..	58
Grand Total	13	216	..	6	7	175	2	25	1	..	1	85	6	..	34	372	24	2	2	2	110	..	123	8	..	..	1	..	88

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 4

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 28, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 24, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 24th January 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	376	119	384	50	21	355	17.1	8	14	1	19	1	3	..	3	13	13	23	32	51	45	16	200	44	22	32.0	1.33	8.9	6,842
2. Edinburgh	468,800	129	55	163	18	5	150	16.7	6	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	1	10	9	23	29	3	116	47	27	34.6	0.44	16.9	2,225
3. Aberdeen	186,200	63	15	57	13	4	48	13.4	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	6	11	1	35	39	18	32.0	0.85	24.0	886
4. Dundee	177,100	68	15	51	10	5	46	13.5	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	6	9	4	32	40	24	33.1	1.07	12.7	861
5. Paisley	94,700	30	8	36	9	3	30	16.5	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	2	..	8	2	..	17	45	26	35.1	1.10	8.9	583
6. Greenock	77,300	41	8	27	1	1	27	18.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8	1	2	15	47	29	35.5	1.35	6.6	625
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	31	10	23	7	9	25	18.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	6	..	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	771
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	21	8	11	1	1	11	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	419
9. Coatbridge	49,900	21	5	7	3	6	10	10.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	445
10. Dunfermline	45,100	15	4	13	1	..	12	13.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	9	45	23	33.4	0.95	13.6	381
11. Clydebank	47,600	16	..	9	3	5	11	12.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	537
12. Ayr	42,800	11	2	12	3	1	10	12.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	385
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	5	17	5	2	14	16.9	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	8	47	25	35.5	1.28	17.0	310
14. Perth	40,800	12	4	13	5	3	11	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	9	42	17	31.7	1.52	9.0	249
15. Hamilton	40,700	20	6	8	..	10	18	23.0	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	739
16. Falkirk	37,200	9	4	14	4	..	10	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	376
17. Airdrie	31,900	8	7	5	1	3	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	246
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 28, 1956.	2,587,900	884	275	850	134	79	795	16.0	19	21	2	30	3	4	1	6	19	19	46	57	125	118	34	499	47†	17†	33.7‡	1.10‡	13.1‡	
Jan. 21, 1956.	2,587,900	1034	216	841	105	50	786	15.8	28	22	4	37	15	2	2	4	10	10	37	59	126	120	26	534	49†	25†	37.6‡	0.73‡	9.1‡	
Jan. 29, 1955.	2,586,800‖	907	258	964	128	68	904	18.2	28	12	3	31	5	7	3	5	15	14	51	75	129	113	39	601	53†	22†	42.3‡	0.59‡	8.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 5

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

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Week ended Saturday, 4th February 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000 there were registered during the week ended 4th February 1956, the births of 915 living children, and of 28 stillborn children, 328 marriages and 825 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.4 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.6 and the death-rate 16.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 30 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.6 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.8 in Falkirk and 19.8 in Coatbridge to 9.7 in Kilmarnock and 7.7 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh and Hamilton 19.2 and Paisley 17.6. In Glasgow the rate was 16.6.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are the same as in the previous week. They include 2 from meningococcal infections and 4 from influenza. There was also 1 death from acute poliomyelitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 19, of which 18 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are the same as in the previous week, but the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 102, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.1 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 35, being 5 more than in the previous week. Of these, 23 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 536, and are 37 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 8 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 31st January 1956, was 27,773. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 30.7° being 3.0° below that for the previous week, and 8.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.89 inch, and the mean sunshine 7.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 5 **Week ended SATURDAY, February 4th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	23	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	13
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	23	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	13

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Dunfermline B	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Kirkcaldy B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	3	34	..	..	..	..	7	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	15
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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TOTAL	2	3	..	..	..	13	..	4	1	..	..	39	..	..	6	44	..	..	..	..	17	..	22	1	..	..	1	..	33
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	5	..	..	1	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	18	..	..	..	..	9	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	21
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	9	120	..	3	1	94	..	8	..	..	..	16	4	..	4	167	..	1	2	..	32	..	40	8	..	..	..	..	12
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	20	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	10	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	155	..	3	2	126	1	14	..	..	1	17	6	..	9	252	13	1	3	3	81	..	80	11	..	..	..	..	42
GRAND TOTAL	16	181	..	3	2	147	1	21	1	..	2	56	8	..	16	318	16	1	3	3	103	..	113	14	..	..	2	..	96

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 5

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 4, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 31, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 31st January 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	384	135	366	43	22	345	16.6	15	9	2	17	1	5	..	5	11	10	28	32	38	47	10	208	46	12	30.2	0.58	7.2	8,074
2. Edinburgh	468,800	159	56	185	16	4	173	19.2	3	7	..	8	4	3	..	..	1	1	6	10	18	22	7	129	46	15	31.1	1.00	12.2	2,399
3. Aberdeen	186,200	61	19	63	8	3	58	16.2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	14	3	39	43	15	30.3	1.52	7.0	966
4. Dundee	177,100	61	26	54	6	4	52	15.3	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	7	11	7	1	37	41	11	29.4	0.96	5.2	900
5. Paisley	94,700	34	11	40	12	4	32	17.6	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	2	6	6	1	19	46	16	32.9	0.56	4.5	614
6. Greenock	77,300	31	15	24	5	2	21	14.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	14	50	17	32.1	0.84	5.2	658
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	23	12	22	6	6	22	16.5	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	3	4	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	930
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	21	5	15	7	4	12	12.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	526
9. Coatbridge	49,900	20	6	12	..	7	19	19.8	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	3	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	501
10. Dunfermline	45,100	15	6	18	8	1	11	12.7	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	7	Pr	esent	source	discon	tinued	545
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	3	14	4	6	16	17.5	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	547
12. Ayr	42,800	13	5	11	4	2	9	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	372
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	20	5	7	1	2	8	9.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	48	18	34.0	0.84	17.3	416
14. Perth	40,800	15	6	9	4	1	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	41	−2	25.9	0.84	0.5	224
15. Hamilton	40,700	17	9	11	1	5	15	19.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	894
16. Falkirk	37,200	10	7	20	4	1	17	23.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	465
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	2	10	3	2	9	14.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	5	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	300
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Feb. 4, 1956	2,587,900	915	328	881	132	76	825	16.6	28	23	2	35	6	11	1	6	19	18	42	60	101	117	26	536	50†	−2†	30.7‡	0.89‡	7.4‡	
Jan. 28, 1956.	2,587,900	884	275	850	134	79	795	16.0	19	21	2	30	3	4	1	6	19	19	46	57	125	118	34	499	47†	17†	33.7‡	1.10‡	13.1‡	
Feb. 5, 1955.	2,586,800‖	990	332	775	103	52	724	14.6	31	11	1	32	2	5	3	8	17	11	43	53	109	82	34	455	50†	28†	40.7‡	0.34‡	11.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 6

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 11th February 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 11th February 1956, the births of 999 living children, and of 29 stillborn children, 422 marriages and 976 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.5 and the death-rate 19.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.7 more than in the previous week, and 2.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.9 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the average. The death-rate is 3.1 more than in the previous week, and 4.5 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.0 in Edinburgh and 22.5 in Paisley to 13.3 in Ayr and 13.0 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kilmarnock 21.7 and Airdrie 21.2. In Glasgow the rate was 20.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 19 and are 13 more than in the previous week. They include 2 from meningococcal septicæmia and 17 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 20, of which 19 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 134, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 37, being 2 more than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 649, and are 113 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 58, and are 12 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 7th February 1956, was 31,905. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 39.6° being 8.9° above that for the previous week, and 0.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.13 inch, and the mean sunshine 7.5 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 6 **Week ended SATURDAY, February 11th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	8	1	..	..	2	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	4
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	41	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	14	..	..	..	1	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	16
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	41	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	16	1	..	..	1	7	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	18

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	43	..	..	8	27	..	..	..	4	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	18
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
TOTAL	2	8	..	..	..	10	..	7	..	..	..	44	..	..	18	62	4	..	..	16	..	22	1	..	..	..	..	..	28
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	3	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	14	..	1	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	47	..	1	..	3	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	11
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Glasgow B.	7	158	..	3	3	94	..	7	..	..	..	16	..	..	11	144	..	1	4	2	22	..	44	5	..	..	..	..	17
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	10	197	..	4	3	115	..	13	..	..	..	18	..	..	19	287	24	2	4	3	63	..	77	11	..	..	..	..	40
GRAND TOTAL	14	247	..	4	3	134	..	25	..	..	1	63	2	..	42	380	37	4	4	4	89	..	114	14	..	..	..	..	90

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 6

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 11, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 7, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 7th February 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	438	190	436	35	30	431	20.8	16	8	2	18	3	4	..	8	10	10	30	32	67	50	19	272	50	25	39.6	0.05	5.0	8,134
2. Edinburgh	467,000	134	58	211	17	11	205	23.0	4	5	..	6	2	..	..	6	2	2	8	17	25	24	8	160	48	26	39.1	0.18	6.4	3,078
3. Aberdeen	186,800	65	26	81	21	2	62	17.4	2	1	1	5	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	5	5	9	1	42	48	22	38.1	0.32	7.1	1,237
4. Dundee	178,500	75	31	54	6	2	50	14.6	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	3	7	6	2	32	49	27	38.1	0.18	10.6	866
5. Paisley	95,200	37	15	49	13	5	41	22.5	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	4	3	3	1	23	52	28	42.1	0.05	7.0	742
6. Greenock	77,500	34	24	23	4	2	21	14.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	3	3	..	13	51	29	41.6	0.12	5.9	912
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	13	19	4	4	19	14.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	5	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	979
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	17	6	21	4	3	20	20.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	3	4	11	..	..	..	..	..	717
9. Coatbridge	50,700	26	8	12	..	3	15	15.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	605
10. Dunfermline	45,200	19	7	16	3	3	16	18.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	2	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	882
11. Clydebank	48,100	32	4	11	2	3	12	13.0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	552
12. Ayr	43,200	23	6	10	2	3	11	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	427
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	15	12	14	1	5	18	21.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	..	11	49	27	40.2	0.03	8.7	467
14. Perth	41,000	10	3	19	6	2	15	19.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	4	..	12	49	22	37.9	0.09	9.0	326
15. Hamilton	41,100	22	6	11	1	4	14	17.8	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	954
16. Falkirk	37,000	11	6	20	8	1	13	18.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	4	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	697
17. Airdrie	32,000	16	7	11	..	2	13	21.2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	1	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	343
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Feb. 11, 1956	2,593,200	999	422	1018	127	85	976	19.7	29	15	3	37	5	7	..	19	20	19	55	79	124	125	38	649	52†	22†	39.6‡	0.13‡	7.5‡	
Feb. 4, 1956.	2,593,200	915	328	881	132	76	825	16.6	28	23	2	35	6	11	1	6	19	18	42	60	101	117	26	536	50†	−2†	30.7‡	0.89‡	7.4‡	
Feb. 12, 1955.	2,587,900‖	862	303	762	118	69	713	14.4	25	21	2	29	8	2	..	9	19	17	41	55	100	95	23	455	54†	25†	35.7‡	0.64‡	23.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes.

‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza,

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No. 7

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 18th February 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 18th February 1956, the births of 887 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 620 marriages and 809 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.5 and the death-rate 16.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.6 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 4.0 more than in the previous week, and 4.1 above the average. The death-rate is 3.4 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 25.4 in Dunfermline and 21.5 in Edinburgh to 11.9 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 8.7 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Airdrie 19.6 and Kilmarnock 19.3. In Glasgow the rate was 15.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 18 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 10 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 8 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 9 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 131, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.7 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 32, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 16 were aged 0-6 days and 7 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 515, and are 134 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 12 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 14th February 1956, was 32,128. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 33.5° being 6.1° below that for the previous week, and 4.9° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.12 inch, and the mean sunshine 21.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 7 **Week ended SATURDAY, February 18th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	1	..	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	16	3	1	..	..	4	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	4
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	20	..	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	27	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	20	..	..	..	10	..	4	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	32	1	..	..	3	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	13

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	18	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	1	..	..	..	51	..	..	9	44	..	..	..	..	6	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	17
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	1	4	..	..	1	27	..	3	1	..	..	51	1	..	12	83	3	..	..	..	19	..	16	3	..	..	..	..	20
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	19	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	18	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	27	..	1	..	..	6	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	15
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	8	168	..	5	4	114	..	3	..	..	..	40	1	..	4	145	..	2	2	1	21	..	39	6	..	..	..	..	31
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	1	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	8	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	10	220	..	5	4	162	..	8	..	..	..	44	1	..	11	249	19	3	2	2	64	..	84	10	1	..	..	..	63
GRAND TOTAL	13	245	..	6	5	200	..	17	1	..	..	95	8	..	35	381	27	4	2	5	91	..	118	15	1	..	..	..	105

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 7

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 18, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 14, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 14th Feb. 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	381	302	356	46	20	330	15.9	11	7	3	15	2	2	1	5	6	5	20	31	46	41	5	192	41	23	33.6	0.07	20.2	7,382
2. Edinburgh	467,000	145	85	204	21	9	192	21.5	5	2	1	5	2	..	..	7	4	4	20	13	27	28	8	131	41	25	33.1	0.17	13.5	2,976
3. Aberdeen	186,800	59	31	59	13	..	46	12.9	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	4	8	4	30	42	21	31.2	0.37	25.6	1,545
4. Dundee	178,500	48	46	44	7	5	42	12.3	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	6	7	2	28	43	24	33.7	0.10	21.8	841
5. Paisley	95,200	33	24	29	7	5	27	14.8	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	3	2	..	19	47	26	35.7	0.06	16.5	792
6. Greenock	77,500	32	16	26	3	2	25	16.9	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	1	15	43	28	35.4	0.00	24.0	891
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	23	20	13	3	6	16	11.9	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	1,022
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	20	11	13	3	4	14	14.3	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	823
9. Coatbridge	50,700	32	15	12	1	5	16	16.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	542
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	5	30	10	2	22	25.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	1	18	..	..	..	..	..	883
11. Clydebank	48,100	20	12	6	2	4	8	8.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	525
12. Ayr	43,200	13	9	10	2	2	10	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	458
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	15	4	17	4	3	16	19.3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	3	1	..	12	42	20	33.0	0.06	20.0	481
14. Perth	41,000	15	12	14	3	3	14	17.9	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	2	6	42	21	32.4	0.12	26.1	400
15. Hamilton	41,100	14	15	7	..	3	10	12.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	896
16. Falkirk	37,000	7	6	14	6	1	9	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	623
17. Airdrie	32,000	17	7	10	1	3	12	19.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	302
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Feb. 18, 1956.	2,593,200	887	620	864	132	77	809	16.3	25	16	7	32	6	3	1	18	12	10	58	73	96	106	26	515	47†	20†	33.5‡	0.12‡	21.0‡	
Feb. 11, 1956.	2,593,200	999	422	1018	127	85	976	19.7	29	15	3	37	5	7	..	19	20	19	55	79	124	125	38	649	52†	22†	39.6‡	0.13‡	7.5‡	
Feb. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	927	473	845	125	68	788	15.9	27	22	3	38	4	10	3	8	19	19	32	43	104	106	29	501	42†	15†	32.4‡	0 13‡	16.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 8

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 25th February 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 25th February 1956, the births of 951 living children, and of 37 stillborn children, 343 marriages and 793 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.9 and the death-rate 16.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 37 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 5.6 less than in the previous week, and 3.0 below the average. The death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.7 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 32.5 in Kilmarnock and 23.5 in Kirkcaldy to 7.3 in Ayr and 5.4 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Aberdeen 19.9 and Edinburgh 19.0. In Glasgow the rate was 15.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 12 and are 6 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia and 11 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 114, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.3 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 18, being 14 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days but there were none aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 559, and are 44 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 5 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 21st February 1956, was 30,031. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 33.0° being 0.5° below that for the previous week, and 6.1° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.28 inch, and the mean sunshine 10.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 8 **Week ended SATURDAY, February 25th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	20	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	19	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	6	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	7
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	19	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	25	..	..	..	..	8	..	15	5	..	..	..	..	7

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	122	..	..	2	46	..	..	..	6	..	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	30
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	26	..	3	1	..	..	125	..	..	4	66	3	..	..	..	14	..	21	5	..	..	..	..	37
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	23	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	17	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	10	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	10
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glasgow B.	6	159	..	1	4	92	..	5	..	..	..	44	1	..	6	160	..	2	5	..	27	..	69	6	..	..	..	..	31
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	21	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	207	..	1	4	134	..	9	1	..	..	46	3	..	13	273	18	2	5	..	63	..	111	9	..	..	..	..	46
GRAND TOTAL	8	229	..	1	4	166	..	16	2	..	..	171	8	..	25	385	31	2	5	..	86	..	151	22	..	..	3	..	92

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 8

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 25, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 21, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 21st Feb. 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	100	146	336	35	13	314	15.1	17	5	..	9	1	3	..	1	7	6	17	24	38	45	9	215	42	23	32.1	0.18	10.0	6,770
2. Edinburgh	467,000	142	52	184	21	7	170	19.0	5	4	..	4	1	2	..	2	1	1	9	18	16	24	6	127	39	25	32.0	0.49	5.7	2,701
3. Aberdeen	186,800	70	29	87	16	..	71	19.9	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	2	6	9	6	1	54	40	26	32.2	0.51	12.3	1,634
4. Dundee	178,500	62	29	49	5	7	51	14.9	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	3	10	6	1	36	43	26	33.3	0.52	6.9	861
5. Paisley	95,200	32	12	31	6	2	27	14.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	5	3	..	16	43	26	34.4	0.15	9.4	730
6. Greenock	77,500	34	6	26	4	..	22	14.8	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	14	43	28	34.8	0.07	18.0	889
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	32	7	15	4	2	13	9.7	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1,046
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	14	3	19	2	6	23	23.5	2	..	..	.	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	3	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	629
9. Coatbridge	50,700	28	2	5	1	4	8	8.3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	530
10. Dunfermline	45,200	18	8	18	4	2	16	18.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	616
11. Clydebank	48,100	15	6	3	..	2	5	5.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	448
12. Ayr	43,200	23	9	15	9	..	6	7.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	476
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	20	8	22	..	5	27	32.5	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	3	4	3	2	..	18	40	23	32.5	0.13	13.9	444
14. Perth	41,000	19	10	15	4	3	14	17.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	10	48	22	32.9	0.19	9.5	408
15. Hamilton	41,100	25	10	7	2	3	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	847
16. Falkirk	37,000	9	3	18	5	..	13	18.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	518
17. Airdrie	32,000	8	3	3	..	2	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	263
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Feb. 25, 1956.	2,593,200	951	343	853	118	58	793	16.0	37	14	..	18	4	6	..	12	10	9	44	70	94	96	21	559	48†	22†	33.0†	0.28‡	10.7‡	
Feb. 18, 1956.	2,593,200	887	620	864	132	77	809	16.3	25	16	7	32	6	3	1	18	12	10	58	73	96	106	26	515	47†	20†	33.5†	0.12‡	21.0‡	
Feb. 26, 1955.	2,587,900‖	870	755	751	95	54	710	14.3	24	13	4	26	3	6	..	6	5	5	29	47	117	102	27	464	38†	4†	28.9†	0.40‡	26.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 3rd March 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 3rd March 1956, the births of 991 living children, and of 29 stillborn children, 442 marriages and 832 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.9 and the death-rate 16.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.0 more than in the previous week, but 3.5 below the average. The death-rate is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 28.9 in Kilmarnock and 20.6 in Ayr to 12.7 in Dunfermline and 12.6 in Paisley. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 19.6 and Hamilton 19.1. In Glasgow the rate was 15.9 and in Edinburgh 18.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 9 and are 3 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 13, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 more than in the previous week, and the latter 4 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 121, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.5 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 33, being 15 more than in the previous week. Of these, 16 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 568, and are 9 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 28th February 1956, was 26,955. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 41.4° being 8.4° above that for the previous week, and 1.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.46 inches, and the mean sunshine 10.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 9 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 3rd, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	.	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	14	6	..	..	..	2	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	4	20	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	9
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	20	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	12	..	..	..	..	11	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	9

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	30	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	2	..	..	1	43	..	..	8	29	..	..	..	..	5	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	1	3	..	..	..	26	..	4	..	..	1	43	..	..	15	67	3	..	..	..	17	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	9	..	..	1	15	..	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	5	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	10	242	..	4	6	81	1	5	..	..	..	29	..	..	5	148	..	1	1	1	21	..	61	5	..	..	..	..	..	46
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	28	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	15	287	..	4	7	112	1	11	2	..	..	38	1	..	5	240	19	1	1	1	58	..	101	13	..	..	..	..	..	89
GRAND TOTAL	21	314	..	4	7	142	1	17	2	..	1	82	3	..	31	336	28	1	1	3	92	..	151	17	..	..	1	..	..	134

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 9

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 3, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 28th Feb. 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	457	191	352	44	22	330	15.9	13	6	1	16	2	4	..	3	8	8	29	26	42	46	8	220	51	26	40.8	2.35	2.4	6,627
2. Edinburgh	467,000	163	83	181	23	9	167	18.7	4	3	1	5	3	..	..	2	..	..	16	6	28	25	6	123	52	29	41.4	0.97	16.0	2,390
3. Aberdeen	186,800	65	35	75	17	5	63	17.6	2	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	6	5	11	3	43	53	29	40.6	0.36	25.6	1,414
4. Dundee	178,500	61	36	56	7	5	54	15.8	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	6	13	1	36	53	28	40.8	0.32	14.3	914
5. Paisley	95,200	31	6	27	8	4	23	12.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	5	..	17	52	29	43.0	2.19	3.8	632
6. Greenock	77,500	28	10	26	2	5	29	19.6	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	2	3	20	53	32	41.6	3.01	4.1	790
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	29	10	24	10	10	24	17.8	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	5	2	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	860
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	17	13	15	1	1	15	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	13	..	..	..	..	..	469
9. Coatbridge	50,700	21	6	10	1	5	14	14.4	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	392
10. Dunfermline	45,200	19	8	11	3	3	11	12.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	4	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	441
11. Clydebank	48,100	19	7	9	2	8	15	16.3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	4	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	450
12. Ayr	43,200	14	6	15	4	6	17	20.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	561
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	14	7	22	4	6	24	28.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	17	52	27	41.8	1.64	2.7	398
14. Perth	41,000	19	11	17	7	1	11	14.0	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	8	55	25	41.2	0.81	13.7	384
15. Hamilton	41,100	13	6	13	1	3	15	19.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	1	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	745
16. Falkirk	37,000	9	3	17	6	..	11	15.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	369
17. Airdrie	32,000	12	4	4	..	5	9	14.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	265
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 3, 1956.	2,593,200	991	442	874	140	98	832	16.8	29	16	3	33	5	4	..	9	13	13	64	57	105	127	27	568	55†	25†	41.4‡	1.46‡	10.3‡	
Feb. 25, 1956.	2,593,200	951	343	853	118	58	793	16.0	37	14	..	18	4	6	..	12	10	9	44	70	94	96	21	559	48†	22†	33.0‡	0.28‡	10.7‡	
Mar. 5, 1955.	2,587,900‖	976	501	924	117	72	879	17.7	18	17	4	39	5	7	1	6	14	14	53	70	120	109	26	571	50†	8†	34.9‡	0.98‡	24.5‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 10

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 10th March 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 10th March 1956, the births of 1,040 living children, and of 15 stillborn children, 533 marriages and 665 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 21.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.7 and the death-rate 13.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 14 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.0 more than in the previous week, and 2.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.8 more than in the previous week, but 1.3 below the average. The death-rate is 3.4 less than in the previous week, and 1.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.9 in Perth and 16.5 in Hamilton to 8.7 in Clydebank and 7.2 in Kirkcaldy and Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 15.9 and Motherwell & Wishaw 14.9. In Glasgow the rate was 14.1 and in Edinburgh 12.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 5 and are 4 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough and 4 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 10 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 76, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 20, being 13 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 10 were aged 0-6 days but there were none aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 419, and are 149 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 16, and are 11 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 6th March 1956, was 22,655. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 41.2° being 0.2° below that for the previous week, but 1.6° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.39 inch, and the mean sunshine 19.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 10 — **Week ended SATURDAY, March 10th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	12	2	..	1	..	4	..	12	2	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	35	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	35	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	4	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	11

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	7	..	1	..	..	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	10	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	2	..	..	..	89	..	..	2	15	..	..	..	..	11	..	16	2	..	..	..	..	24
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	10	..	..	..	26	..	12	..	..	..	89	..	..	8	26	4	1	..	..	23	..	19	4	..	..	1	..	32
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	11
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	21	..	..	..	..	6	..	13	1	..	..	..	..	16
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	11	244	..	4	..	116	..	11	..	..	..	49	1	..	2	175	..	..	6	1	20	..	36	3	..	..	..	..	42
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	272	..	4	..	147	..	17	2	..	..	58	1	..	5	247	9	..	6	1	42	..	77	7	..	..	..	..	90
GRAND TOTAL	13	319	..	4	..	179	..	31	2	..	..	148	7	..	20	302	15	1	7	1	75	..	125	15	..	..	1	..	133

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 10

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 10, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 6, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 6th March 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	475	236	314	34	13	293	14.1	9	6	..	11	1	3	..	1	5	4	12	24	46	43	6	180	53	29	41.1	0.57	17.4	5,998
2. Edinburgh	467,000	132	99	123	18	3	108	12.1	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	2	1	6	9	20	16	2	70	52	32	40.7	0.31	26.5	1,849
3. Aberdeen	186,800	69	43	68	16	1	53	14.8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	10	15	2	33	56	29	40.2	0.02	25.3	1,034
4. Dundee	178,500	71	34	48	5	2	45	13.2	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	2	12	9	1	30	49	31	40.0	0.33	21.6	825
5. Paisley	95,200	42	17	39	10	..	29	15.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	3	..	22	54	33	42.6	0.32	17.0	599
6. Greenock	77,500	37	14	25	6	..	19	12.8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	..	1	11	52	33	42.3	0.47	15.1	566
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	24	12	17	2	5	20	14.9	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	682
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	19	15	5	1	3	7	7.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	321
9. Coatbridge	50,700	28	2	5	1	3	7	7.2	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	359
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	8	11	2	2	11	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	339
11. Clydebank	48,100	29	3	9	3	2	8	8.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	370
12. Ayr	43,200	16	9	13	4	3	12	14.5	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	515
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	20	5	14	4	..	10	12.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	5	52	31	42.0	0.70	20.9	364
14. Perth	41,000	13	8	17	5	2	14	17.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	2	1	9	49	27	40.3	0.43	14.6	299
15. Hamilton	41,100	21	9	10	..	3	13	16.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	621
16. Falkirk	37,000	14	16	9	2	1	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	276
17. Airdrie	32,000	17	3	3	..	5	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	208
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 10, 1956.	2,593,200	1040	533	730	113	48	665	13.4	15	10	..	20	2	4	1	5	12	10	27	49	112	101	16	419	56†	27†	41.2‡	0.39‡	19.8‡	
Mar. 3, 1956.	2,593,200	991	442	874	140	98	832	16.8	29	16	3	33	5	4	..	9	13	13	64	57	105	127	27	568	55†	25†	41.4‡	1.46‡	10.3‡	
Mar. 12, 1955.	2,587,900‖	975	608	785	130	61	716	14.4	24	15	1	27	4	4	2	2	7	6	27	53	99	97	30	476	51†	26†	38.3†	0.07‡	26.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 11

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 17th March 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 17th March 1956, the births of 983 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 598 marriages and 655 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.1 and the death-rate 13.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.4 more than in the previous week, but 0.5 below the average. The death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.9 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 22.6 in Falkirk and 18.1 in Kilmarnock to 8.2 in Kirkcaldy and 8.1 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Airdrie 18.0 and Ayr 17.0. In Glasgow the rate was 11.9 and in Edinburgh 14.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 5 and are the same as in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 6, of which 3 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 7 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 54, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.4 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 28, being 8 more than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 406, and are 13 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 36, and are 20 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 13th March 1956, was 18,961. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 38.8° being 2.4° below that for the previous week, and 2.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.11 inch, and the mean sunshine 34.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 11 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 17th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	26	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	26	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	9

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kirkcaldy B.	..	13	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	101	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	6	..	21	3	..	..	..	..	14
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	13	..	..	..	25	..	2	..	..	..	102	1	..	1	34	2	..	1	..	13	..	36	3	..	..	..	..	30
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	1	6	..	18	1	..	..	1	..	34
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	11	277	..	..	3	103	..	3	..	..	1	50	1	..	2	119	..	1	3	..	33	..	47	1	..	..	1	..	37
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	11	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
TOTAL	13	295	..	..	4	142	..	7	..	..	1	63	2	..	13	161	7	1	3	2	68	..	86	7	1	..	2	..	106
GRAND TOTAL	16	334	..	..	4	174	..	12	..	..	1	166	5	..	14	216	12	1	4	2	89	..	130	13	1	..	2	..	145

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No. 11

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 17, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 13, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 13th March 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	442	247	294	52	6	248	11.9	11	9	2	17	..	3	..	3	5	3	9	15	37	31	11	127	52	27	38.4	0.02	34.6	5,103
2. Edinburgh	467,000	160	114	139	18	5	126	14.1	2	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	25	13	14	93	57	29	39.1	..	42.3	1,564
3. Aberdeen	186,800	54	47	55	13	3	45	12.6	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	6	8	2	30	43	31	36.7	0.12	30.6	743
4. Dundee	178,500	70	39	46	4	7	49	14.4	3	1	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	2	8	10	2	28	47	30	37.1	0.45	34.2	773
5. Paisley	95,200	39	22	35	10	1	26	14.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	2	20	54	27	40.6	0.04	32.4	464
6. Greenock	77,500	40	18	24	3	..	21	14.2	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	16	53	30	39.8	0.16	33.9	501
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	31	12	14	3	8	19	14.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	5	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	597
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	14	19	5	..	3	8	8.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	302
9. Coatbridge	50,700	21	5	8	..	5	13	13.4	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	390
10. Dunfermline	45,200	20	13	8	2	1	7	8.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	261
11. Clydebank	48,100	16	5	8	1	7	14	15.2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	340
12. Ayr	43,200	17	4	16	4	2	14	17.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	371
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	17	16	3	2	15	18.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	12	52	29	40.1	0.06	37.6	263
14. Perth	41,000	8	11	11	2	3	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	8	51	27	38.2	0.02	32.4	214
15. Hamilton	41,100	12	8	9	2	4	11	14.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	514
16. Falkirk	37,000	13	4	14	..	2	16	22.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	252
17. Airdrie	32,000	13	13	7	1	5	11	18.0	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	200
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 17, 1956.	2,593,200	983	598	709	118	64	655	13.2	22	14	4	28	1	7	..	5	6	3	22	32	100	89	36	406	57†	27†	38.8‡	0.11‡	34.8‡	
Mar. 10, 1956.	2,593,200	1040	533	730	113	48	665	13.4	15	10	..	20	2	4	1	5	12	10	27	49	112	101	16	419	56†	27†	41.2‡	0.39‡	19.8‡	
Mar. 19, 1955.	2,587,900‖	928	672	767	111	61	717	14.4	27	24	5	42	9	14	2	6	16	15	42	48	87	79	44	449	54†	25†	39.8‡	0.13‡	36.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 12

THE ROYAL SOCIETY for the Promotion OF HEALTH

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 24th March 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 24th March 1956, the births of 1,027 living children, and of 18 stillborn children, 856 marriages and 665 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 17.3 and the death-rate 13.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 17 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 1.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 5.2 more than in the previous week, but 2.7 below the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.6 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.4 in Kirkcaldy and 16.5 in Paisley to 6.5 in Clydebank and 4.9 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee 15.5 and Glasgow 14.3. In Edinburgh the rate was 13.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 3 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 17, of which 16 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 11 more than in the previous week, and the latter 13 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 73, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 35, being 7 more than in the previous week. Of these, 24 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 427, and are 21 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 15 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 20th March 1956, was 17,502. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.7° being 3.9° above that for the previous week, and 1.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.51 inch, and the mean sunshine 14.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 12 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 24th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	4
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	5	1	..	..	..	1	..	14	1	..	..	..	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	31	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	4	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	12
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	31	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	4	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	18

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	6	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	16	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	122	..	..	3	10	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	17
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	6	..	..	..	28	..	..	1	..	..	138	..	..	3	18	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	6	..	..	..	28	..	..	1	..	..	138	..	..	3	18	..	..	..	1	16	..	18	..	..	..	2	..	28
Western Region.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	15
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	11	..	..	2	18	..	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	2	15	..	..	..	..	5	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	28
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	7	219	..	3	2	89	..	8	..	..	..	36	2	..	1	132	..	..	7	..	26	..	43	3	..	..	..	..	57
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	22	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	8	258	..	3	4	132	..	15	..	..	..	66	5	..	7	176	17	1	7	1	50	..	88	7	1	..	..	..	122
Grand Total	10	295	..	3	4	162	..	16	2	..	..	204	8	..	17	215	18	1	7	2	71	..	136	12	1	..	3	..	173

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 24, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 20, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 20th March 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	455	378	309	35	22	296	14.3	10	15	1	23	6	1	..	..	9	8	15	19	43	41	8	176	59	33	42.8	0.33	16.7	4,757
2. Edinburgh	467,000	154	135	132	19	10	123	13.8	3	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	3	3	2	5	13	32	6	89	56	31	41.9	0.13	14.9	1,449
3. Aberdeen	186,800	67	68	53	15	5	43	12.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	4	9	9	1	28	48	34	39.3	1.37	8.1	609
4. Dundee	178,500	82	84	53	5	5	53	15.5	2	3	..	3	..	2	..	..	2	2	2	1	7	5	1	34	52	36	40.6	0.67	8.5	719
5. Paisley	95,200	46	20	35	9	4	30	16.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	7	2	1	24	60	35	44.4	0.18	13.4	450
6. Greenock	77,500	34	20	16	1	2	17	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	3	1	9	58	36	44.0	0.43	12.5	458
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	28	21	12	3	7	16	11.9	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	545
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	19	13	15	4	7	18	18.4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	280
9. Coatbridge	50,700	20	12	4	2	5	7	7.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	356
10. Dunfermline	45,200	14	18	10	4	2	8	9.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	256
11. Clydebank	48,100	20	10	6	2	2	6	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	319
12. Ayr	43,200	12	17	13	5	..	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	300
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	32	20	9	3	1	7	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	5	59	35	46.0	0.12	31.7	240
14. Perth	41,000	12	7	11	4	2	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	9	56	35	42.4	0.88	8.2	178
15. Hamilton	41,100	13	13	7	1	5	11	14.0	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	492
16. Falkirk	37,000	9	8	12	4	2	10	14.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	264
17. Airdrie	32,000	10	12	1	..	2	3	4.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	168
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 24, 1956.	2,593,200	1027	856	698	116	83	665	13.4	18	24	1	35	6	4	1	2	17	16	28	45	97	105	21	427	60†	31†	42.7‡	0.51‡	14.3‡	
Mar. 17, 1956.	2,593,200	983	598	709	118	64	655	13.2	22	14	4	28	1	7	..	5	6	3	22	32	100	89	36	406	57†	27†	38.8‡	0.11‡	34.8‡	
Mar. 26, 1955.	2,587,900‖	961	1055	803	111	68	760	15.3	28	21	5	38	12	8	4	1	15	14	33	46	114	85	28	497	50†	21†	35.7‡	1.06‡	15.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 13

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 31st March 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 31st March 1956, the births of 952 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 1,244 marriages and 607 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 25.1 and the death-rate 12.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 25 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.5 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 7.8 more than in the previous week, but 6.1 below the average. The death-rate is 1.2 less than in the previous week, and 1.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.4 in Dundee and 15.4 in Paisley to 5.8 in Dunfermline and 3.3 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Aberdeen and Kirkcaldy 14.3 and in Coatbridge 13.4. In Glasgow the rate was 12.7 and in Edinburgh 11.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are the same as in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 14, of which 13 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 42, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.7 less than in the previous week, and 0.6 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 6 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 5 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 383, and are 44 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 17, and are 4 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 27th March 1956, was 17,967. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 44.2° being 1.5° above that for the previous week, and 1.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.11 inch, and the mean sunshine 36.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 13 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 31st, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	9	..	..	..	1	..	8	7	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	18	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	18	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	11	1	..	..	..	4	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	7

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	11	..	..	..	9	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	156	..	..	3	15	..	..	..	..	4	..	14	3	..	..	..	..	26
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	11	..	..	..	23	..	1	1	..	..	165	..	..	3	30	..	..	..	..	21	..	23	3	..	..	..	..	38
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	..	..	..	..	22	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	6	..	15	3	..	..	..	..	35
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	3	128	..	2	4	31	..	4	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	82	..	..	3	..	14	..	43	1	..	..	..	..	21
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	7	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	6	138	..	2	5	72	..	11	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	138	14	..	3	1	43	..	81	7	..	..	..	..	79
GRAND TOTAL	6	168	..	2	5	104	..	13	1	..	..	207	3	..	6	192	26	..	3	1	70	..	120	21	..	..	..	..	126

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 13

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 31, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 27, 1956

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	357	453	275	29	18	264	12.7	8	9	2	16	1	1	1	..	9	9	9	15	43	41	7	151	60	30	44.6	0.00	41.1	4,867
2. Edinburgh	467,000	167	264	120	20	6	106	11.9	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	1	2	3	20	14	4	68	62	33	43.0	0.04	34.2	1,468
3. Aberdeen	186,800	66	93	60	12	3	51	14.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	7	10	1	35	51	31	40.4	0.01	8.9	661
4. Dundee	178,500	72	95	58	9	7	56	16.4	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	10	3	39	55	32	42.5	0.05	40.0	695
5. Paisley	95,200	38	34	28	5	5	28	15.4	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	7	1	2	20	60	30	46.2	..	33.2	494
6. Greenock	77,500	33	37	18	6	..	12	8.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	9	58	32	46.3	..	41.8	526
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	23	41	14	3	4	15	11.2	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	550
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	20	46	13	4	5	14	14.3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	274
9. Coatbridge	50,700	23	22	9	..	4	13	13.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	346
10. Dunfermline	45,200	21	32	10	5	..	5	5.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	276
11. Clydebank	48,100	20	16	6	1	2	7	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	307
12. Ayr	43,200	24	20	18	7	..	11	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	323
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	21	32	6	3	2	5	6.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	59	29	46.3	0.06	49.4	255
14. Perth	41,000	22	10	11	5	..	6	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	4	56	28	44.0	0.71	44.0	187
15. Hamilton	41,100	14	16	1	..	5	6	7.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	573
16. Falkirk	37,000	13	21	10	4	..	6	8.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	271
17. Airdrie	32,000	18	12	2	..	..	2	3.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	174
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 31, 1956.	2,593,200	952	1244	659	113	61	607	12.2	24	15	5	29	1	1	1	2	14	13	18	24	112	90	17	383	62†	28†	44.2‡	0.11‡	36.6‡	
Mar. 24, 1956.	2,593,200	1027	856	698	116	83	665	13.4	18	24	1	35	6	4	1	2	17	16	28	45	97	105	21	427	60†	31†	42.7‡	0.51‡	14.3‡	
Apr. 2, 1955.	2,587,900‖	1009	1631	752	112	63	703	14.2	23	17	4	34	6	6	2	3	22	21	30	48	105	78	25	438	57†	25†	39.7‡	0.10‡	41.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 14

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 7th April 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 7th April 1956, the births of 1,130 living children, and of 27 stillborn children, 2,009 marriages and 627 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 22.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 40.5 and the death-rate 12.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 23 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 3.6 more than in the previous week, and 3.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 15.4 more than in the previous week, and 14.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, but 0.8 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.9 in Perth and 14.2 in Greenock to 7.2 in Kirkcaldy and Coatbridge and 5.8 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh, Dundee and Falkirk 14.1 and in Paisley 13.7. In Glasgow the rate was 12.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 13, of which 12 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 56, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 44, being 15 more than in the previous week. Of these, 21 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 380, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 31, and are 14 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 3rd April 1956, was 14,167. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 43.9° being 0.3° below that for the previous week, but 0.8° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.22 inch, and the mean sunshine 32.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 14 — **Week ended SATURDAY, April 7th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	2	..	..	..	4	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	7
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	19	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	5
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	19	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	9	..	..	..	1	7	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	5

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	7
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	13	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	..	..	195	1	..	2	9	..	..	..	12	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	22
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	13	..	..	..	32	..	3	..	..	..	205	1	..	3	10	..	..	..	22	..	19	2	..	..	..	..	34
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	2	..	..	10	..	5	..	..	..	..	43
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Glasgow B.	14	171	..	4	8	140	..	8	..	..	2	46	1	..	4	135	..	..	9	1	23	..	38	3	..	..	..	51
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	3	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	15	184	..	4	8	184	..	11	1	..	2	58	2	..	5	190	7	2	9	1	56	..	70	8	3	..	1	..	109
GRAND TOTAL	17	216	..	4	8	221	..	15	1	..	2	263	6	..	9	219	9	2	9	2	89	..	111	12	3	..	1	..	155

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 14

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 7, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 3, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 3rd April 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	520	762	291	39	16	268	12.9	16	9	3	19	1	3	..	..	7	7	8	22	49	32	11	157	59	31	44.1	0.21	31.3	3,544
2. Edinburgh	467,000	158	356	137	18	7	126	14.1	2	4	..	6	1		..	..	1	1	2	6	26	29	5	88	61	34	43.6	0.05	32.8	1,225
3. Aberdeen	186,800	87	161	50	10	..	40	11.2	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	11	3	28	60	31	40.6	0.65	22.8	584
4. Dundee	178,500	83	152	47	5	6	48	14.1	1	1	..	6	..	1	..	2	2	2	3	..	7	4	6	28	65	32	44.1	0.04	35.2	634
5. Paisley	95,200	36	104	24	3	4	25	13.7	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	3	7	2	1	11	58	33	45.2	0.18	31.1	439
6. Greenock	77,500	39	54	27	6	..	21	14.2	..	2	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	11	58	34	45.7	0.37	39.6	383
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	28	52	10	2	7	15	11.2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	428
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	18	32	10	5	2	7	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	206
9. Coatbridge	50,700	24	60	6	2	3	7	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	250
10. Dunfermline	45,200	8	27	4	2	3	5	5.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	183
11. Clydebank	48,100	30	36	8	4	5	9	9.8	2	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	222
12. Ayr	43,200	24	32	12	4	2	10	12.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	247
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	17	26	9	2	3	10	12.0	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	59	32	44.2	0.23	35.2	207
14. Perth	41,000	15	28	14	2	2	14	17.9	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	5	..	8	61	28	43.4	0.03	33.4	118
15. Hamilton	41,100	12	57	4	..	3	7	8.9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	454
16. Falkirk	37,000	14	30	14	5	1	10	14.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	229
17. Airdrie	32,000	17	40	3	..	2	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	136
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 7, 1956.	2,593,200	1130	2009	670	109	66	627	12.6	27	21	4	44	2	9	1	3	13	12	16	40	116	95	31	380	65†	28†	43.9‡	0.22‡	32.7‡	
Mar. 31, 1956.	2,593,200	952	1244	659	113	61	607	12.2	24	15	5	29	1	1	1	2	14	13	18	24	112	90	17	383	62†	28†	44.2‡	0.11‡	36.6‡	
Apr. 9, 1955.	2,587,900‖	879	1082	755	115	61	701	14.1	30	18	3	37	6	4	3	5	13	12	38	44	109	80	26	453	60†	33†	48.9‡	0.63‡	20.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 15

THE ROYAL SOCIETY

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 14th April 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 14th April 1956, the births of 898 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 604 marriages and 580 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.2 and the death-rate 11.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 26 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 4.7 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 28.3 less than in the previous week, but 5.5 above the average. The death-rate is 0.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.4 in Falkirk and 16.9 in Kilmarnock to 6.7 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 6.4 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kirkcaldy 16.4 and in Greenock 15.5. In Glasgow the rate was 10.2 and in Edinburgh 15.1.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were 3 deaths registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 11 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 53, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 21, being 23 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 8 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 374, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 25, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 10th April 1956, was 16,185. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 44.0° being 0.1° above that for the previous week, but the same as the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.51 inch, and the mean sunshine 35.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 15 **Week ended SATURDAY, April 14th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	.	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	1	4	2	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	..	..	..	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	5
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	36	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	36	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	15	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	116	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	7	..	9	2	..	..	1	..	..	18
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	15	..	..	..	21	..	4	1	..	..	129	1	..	1	24	..	..	1	1	19	..	14	4	..	..	1	..	..	27
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	15	..	..	1	22	..	..	2	1	2	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	23
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	13	162	..	3	5	50	..	5	..	..	1	54	1	..	2	108	..	..	1	..	13	..	51	9	..	..	..	..	..	48
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	14	167	..	3	5	88	..	10	..	..	1	89	2	..	3	164	7	..	3	1	37	..	79	13	..	..	1	..	..	111
GRAND TOTAL	16	218	..	3	5	118	..	15	1	..	1	218	5	..	5	202	12	..	4	2	62	..	115	18	..	..	2	..	..	143

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 15

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 14, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 10, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature °F Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature °F Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature °F Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 10th April 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	382	494	244	43	10	211	10.2	9	2	2	8	1	3	1	..	4	3	14	9	37	34	6	122	51	31	44.1	0.52	30.2	4,673
2. Edinburgh	467,000	146	36	148	19	6	135	15.1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	8	24	21	9	102	56	33	43.4	0.35	43.5	1,295
3. Aberdeen	186,800	54	18	51	17	1	35	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	9	5	2	26	56	31	40.9	0.38	28.0	644
4. Dundee	178,500	59	12	41	4	3	40	11.7	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	5	8	1	29	56	32	42.9	0.45	37.4	495
5. Paisley	95,200	31	3	27	7	4	24	13.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	5	3	..	14	56	33	45.6	0.60	32.2	388
6. Greenock	77,500	27	4	31	8	..	23	15.5	1	3	1	4	3	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	5	3	11	54	35	45.3	0.95	39.2	377
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	4	5	..	4	9	6.7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	519
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	23	4	15	4	5	16	16.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	247
9. Coatbridge	50,700	31	4	8	1	4	11	11.4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	393
10. Dunfermline	45,200	21	..	8	1	..	7	8.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	262
11. Clydebank	48,100	14	4	9	..	..	9	9.8	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	302
12. Ayr	43,200	17	5	13	3	..	10	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	258
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	1	16	5	3	14	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	2	1	10	57	33	45.5	0.48	36.7	223
14. Perth	41,000	19	7	9	2	3	10	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	6	55	26	44.4	0.35	38.2	175
15. Hamilton	41,100	16	5	4	..	1	5	6.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	532
16. Falkirk	37,000	11	2	14	3	2	13	18.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	4	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	190
17. Airdrie	32,000	9	1	5	..	3	8	13.1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	212
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 14, 1956.	2,593,200	898	604	648	117	49	580	11.7	24	8	3	21	4	6	2	..	12	11	27	26	95	96	25	374	57†	26†	44.0‡	0.51‡	35.7‡	
Apr. 7, 1956.	2,593,200	1130	2009	670	109	66	627	12.6	27	21	4	44	2	9	1	3	13	12	16	40	116	95	31	380	65†	28†	43.9‡	0.22‡	32.7‡	
Apr. 16, 1955.	2,587,900‖	1034	365	664	112	64	616	12.4	22	20	3	40	7	5	3	3	11	9	30	39	96	65	28	382	64†	31†	48.6‡	0.02‡	50.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 16

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 21st April 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 21st April 1956, the births of 929 living children, and of 41 stillborn children, 253 marriages and 622 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.1 and the death-rate 12.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 42 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.6 more than in the previous week, but 1.5 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 7.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.8 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.6 in Greenock and 17.4 in Clydebank to 8.1 in Dunfermline and 3.3 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 17.0 and in Kirkcaldy 16.4. In Glasgow the rate was 11.8 and in Edinburgh 12.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, of which 8 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 31, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.5 less than in the previous week, and 0.5 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 35, being 14 more than in the previous week. Of these, 25 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 375, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 19, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 17th April 1956, was 15,386. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 43.3° being 0.7° below that for the previous week, and 1.1° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.07 inch, and the mean sunshine 64.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 16 **Week ended SATURDAY, April 21st, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	3	1	1	1	2	..	8	1	..	..	1	..	13
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	9	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	6
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	9	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	6

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	7	..	..	..	9	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	3	..	..	..	105	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	13	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	7	..	..	..	32	..	5	1	..	..	112	..	..	1	13	1	..	..	..	7	..	19	3	..	..	..	..	20
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	7	..	18	2	..	..	..	..	22
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	12	349	..	2	2	83	..	4	..	..	..	102	..	..	1	100	..	..	5	3	19	..	51	2	..	..	..	..	82
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	20	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	14	377	..	2	2	135	..	5	..	..	..	130	..	..	1	146	6	..	5	4	38	..	92	5	..	..	..	..	114
GRAND TOTAL	17	393	..	2	2	170	..	15	1	..	..	242	3	..	3	189	11	1	6	5	50	..	130	9	..	..	1	..	157

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 16

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 21, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 17, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 17th April 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	398	154	270	40	14	244	11.8	14	9	..	11	2	1	..	..	7	7	7	6	58	27	6	134	60	29	43.6	0.07	64.8	4,417
2. Edinburgh	467,000	127	33	120	9	2	113	12.7	3	3	1	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	3	21	18	3	70	61	32	44.0	0.03	65.3	1,031
3. Aberdeen	186,800	67	17	57	14	2	45	12.6	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	5	11	2	31	55	31	40.5	0.17	55.8	428
4. Dundee	178,500	62	17	52	6	6	52	15.2	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	12	12	2	36	62	30	42.3	0.21	60.3	623
5. Paisley	95,200	36	2	25	8	2	19	10.4	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6	1	1	15	60	30	46.1	..	65.9	440
6. Greenock	77,500	26	2	33	5	1	29	19.6	2	4	1	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	2	18	57	34	44.7	0.00	76.3	496
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	32	..	6	..	7	13	9.7	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	531
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	27	1	16	2	2	16	16.4	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	216
9. Coatbridge	50,700	20	1	7	1	4	10	10.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	291
10. Dunfermline	45,200	23	7	9	2	..	7	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	209
11. Clydebank	48,100	26	1	11	2	7	16	17.4	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	265
12. Ayr	43,200	17	3	14	1	1	14	17.0	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	253
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	12	2	15	5	1	11	13.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	7	58	29	42.7	..	66.7	240
14. Perth	41,000	15	5	13	5	3	11	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	..	6	60	25	42.8	0.09	57.7	152
15. Hamilton	41,100	16	2	7	..	5	12	15.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	508
16. Falkirk	37,000	12	3	13	5	..	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	235
17. Airdrie	32,000	13	3	2	..	..	2	3.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	183
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 21, 1956.	2,593,200	929	253	670	105	57	622	12.5	41	25	3	35	5	6	1	1	9	8	16	15	123	98	19	375	62†	25†	43.3‡	0.07‡	64.1‡	
Apr. 14, 1956.	2,593,200	898	604	648	117	49	580	11.7	24	8	3	21	4	6	2	..	12	11	27	26	95	96	25	374	57†	26†	44.0‡	0.51‡	35.7‡	
Apr. 23, 1955.	2,587,900‖	931	225	665	85	71	651	13.1	26	19	6	36	7	8	2	2	11	11	15	36	103	102	26	410	71†	30†	48.4‡	0.08‡	58.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 17

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 28th April 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 28th April 1956, the births of 1,006 living children, and of 20 stillborn children, 174 marriages and 592 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 3.5 and the death-rate 11.9. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 19 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.6 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.7 below the average. The death-rate is 0.6 less than in the previous week, and 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.9 in Paisley and 15.3 in Kirkcaldy to 7.1 in Falkirk and 4.8 in Ayr. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Coatbridge 14.4 and in Clydebank 14.1. In Glasgow the rate was 11.4 and in Edinburgh 13.0.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 33, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 31, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 19 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 376, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 18, and are 1 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 24th April 1956, was 15,607. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 44.4° being 1.1° above that for the previous week, but 1.5° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.22 inch, and the mean sunshine 30.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 17 — **Week ended SATURDAY, April 28th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	5	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	5
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	38	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	9
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	38	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	6	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	13

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	8	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	22	..	2	..	..	..	141	..	..	4	10	..	..	..	..	3	..	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	35
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	8	..	..	..	34	..	3	..	..	..	145	..	..	4	13	..	..	..	1	8	..	32	6	..	..	..	..	..	47
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	2	..	6	2	..	..	2	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	15	..	14	1	..	..	1	..	..	23
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	3	172	..	6	1	107	..	8	..	..	..	45	1	..	..	106	..	2	2	2	15	..	49	6	..	..	..	..	..	74
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	6	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	185	..	6	1	148	..	10	..	..	1	68	2	..	1	158	7	3	3	2	60	..	101	10	..	..	3	..	..	111
GRAND TOTAL	6	231	..	6	1	195	..	13	..	..	1	217	4	..	5	194	8	3	4	3	80	..	161	17	..	..	3	..	..	176

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 17

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 28, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 24, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 24th April 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	464	67	245	28	19	236	11.4	13	7	2	12	..	1	..	..	6	5	3	7	46	25	6	149	58	31	45.1	0.07	36.7	4,382
2. Edinburgh	467,000	140	49	136	24	4	116	13.0	1	3	..	5	..	2	..	1	1	1	2	6	26	14	3	74	54	34	43.7	0.07	37.7	1,318
3. Aberdeen	186 800	63	13	50	13	2	39	10.9	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	8	11	..	28	49	33	41.6	0.32	30.0	631
4. Dundee	178,500	79	9	44	5	5	44	12.9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	5	7	2	29	53	31	42.6	0.30	25.5	618
5. Paisley	95,200	37	2	33	7	3	29	15.9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	6	..	21	59	34	46.9	0.28	27.6	440
6. Greenock	77,500	37	5	15	4	4	15	10.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	2	8	59	36	46.5	0.44	32.2	417
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	22	4	14	3	5	16	11.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	527
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	11	3	13	..	2	15	15.3	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	225
9. Coatbridge	50,700	26	2	6	..	8	14	14.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	1	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	279
10. Dunfermline	45,200	18	7	14	4	1	11	12.7	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	252
11. Clydebank	48,100	16	..	12	2	3	13	14.1	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	270
12. Ayr	43,200	19	5	3	1	2	4	4.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	272
13. Kilmarnock	43.400	22	2	8	..	2	10	12.0	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	60	33	45.8	0.14	33.7	233
14. Perth	41,000	14	1	10	2	2	10	12.8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	4	59	27	43.3	0.12	18 0	140
15. Hamilton	41 100	16	2	6	1	4	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	499
16. Falkirk	37.000	13	3	12	7	..	5	7.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	225
17. Airdrie	32,000	9	..	3	1	4	6	9.8	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	136
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 28, 1956.	2,593,200	1006	174	624	102	70	592	11.9	20	19	3	31	4	5	..	1	12	9	9	24	112	82	18	376	60†	27†	44.4‡	0.22‡	30.2‡	
Apr. 21, 1956.	2,593,200	929	253	670	105	57	622	12.5	41	25	3	35	5	6	1	1	9	8	16	15	123	98	19	375	62†	25†	43.3‡	0.07‡	64.1‡	
Apr. 30, 1955.	2,587,900	1016	224	651	103	65	613	12.4	19	22	4	33	14	2	2	..	15	13	20	35	114	83	24	366	62†	32†	49.4‡	0.65‡	37.1‡	

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WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 5th May 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 5th May 1956, the births of 1,097 living children, and of 20 stillborn children, 245 marriages and 579 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 22.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 4.9 and the death-rate 11.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 18 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.8 more than in the previous week, and 2.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.4 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.2 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.7 in Kilmarnock and 15.3 in Kirkcaldy and Perth to 9.4 in Greenock and 6.4 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 14.8 and in Ayr 14.5. In Glasgow the rate was 10.8 and in Edinburgh 12.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from measles.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 7 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 2 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 46, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 26, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 9 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 360, and are 16 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 31, and are 13 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 1st May 1956, was 16,321. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 50.0° being 5.6° above that for the previous week, and 3.7° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.27 inch, and the mean sunshine 34.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 18 — **Week ended SATURDAY, May 5th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	6	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	5
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	13	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	13
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	13	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	4	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	13

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	132	1	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	5	..	23	2	..	..	..	..	15
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	..	4	..	..	..	57	..	1	..	..	..	147	1	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	14	..	29	3	..	..	..	..	27
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	1	20	..	3	..	..	..	9	3	..	..	23	..	1	..	..	25	..	15	1	..	..	1	..	29
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	7	176	..	1	1	84	..	4	..	..	..	79	2	..	..	97	..	..	4	6	28	..	54	5	..	..	..	..	81
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	8	194	..	1	2	140	..	8	..	..	..	120	5	..	..	153	6	1	4	8	86	..	102	14	..	..	1	..	129
GRAND TOTAL	10	211	..	1	2	209	..	11	..	..	1	268	8	..	..	187	8	1	4	10	111	..	155	19	..	..	1	..	174

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 18

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 5, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 1, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 1st May 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	493	111	246	40	19	225	10.8	8	3	3	13	3	2	1	..	7	6	7	13	41	37	7	133	63	34	49.9	0.30	29.8	4,734
2. Edinburgh	467,000	162	36	122	17	4	109	12.2	2	3	..	4	1	1	..	1	1	1	2	2	19	18	10	72	62	38	51.0	0.35	39.6	1,260
3. Aberdeen	186,800	65	23	54	13	2	43	12.0	2	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	4	6	11	2	28	64	32	46.6	0.19	36.8	621
4. Dundee	178,500	76	16	51	11	4	44	12.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	8	5	27	66	35	49.4	0.13	34.1	622
5. Paisley	95,200	53	5	37	12	2	27	14.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	1	19	64	35	50.7	0.29	31.9	429
6. Greenock	77,500	30	9	17	3	..	14	9.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	9	62	38	50.5	0.34	35.4	445
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	28	5	11	1	4	14	10.4	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	543
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	20	5	14	1	2	15	15.3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	265
9. Coatbridge	50,700	25	3	7	..	5	12	12.4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	241
10. Dunfermline	45,200	16	5	12	4	1	9	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	276
11. Clydebank	48,100	25	3	6	2	6	10	10.9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	312
12. Ayr	43,200	15	7	18	6	..	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	245
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	23	3	13	1	1	13	15.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	8	64	32	50.8	0.36	35.3	212
14. Perth	41,000	13	6	12	3	3	12	15.3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	1	..	7	65	32	51.0	0.22	33.8	149
15. Hamilton	41,100	23	2	4	..	1	5	6.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	498
16. Falkirk	37,000	12	5	11	3	1	9	12.7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	236
17. Airdrie	32,000	18	1	4	..	2	6	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	152
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 5, 1956.	2,593,200	1097	245	639	117	57	579	11.7	20	9	4	26	4	4	1	1	8	7	18	28	100	92	31	360	66†	32†	50.0‡	0.27‡	34.6‡	
Apr. 28, 1956.	2,593,200	1006	174	624	102	70	592	11.9	20	19	3	31	4	5	..	1	12	9	9	24	112	82	18	376	60†	27†	44.4‡	0.22‡	30.2‡	
May 7, 1955.	2,587,900‖	967	244	635	110	38	563	11.3	29	19	1	28	4	2	1	2	9	8	19	26	100	79	27	338	62†	37†	49.5‡	1.47‡	38.0‡	

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 12th May 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 12th May 1956, the births of 977 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 137 marriages and 577 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 2.8 and the death-rate 11.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.4 less than in the previous week, but 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.4 in Kirkcaldy and 16.3 in Clydebank to 5.6 in Falkirk and 5.2 in Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 16.2 and in Ayr 15.8. In Glasgow the rate was 11.3 and in Edinburgh 12.5.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal meningitis and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 5, of which 4 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 43, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 26, being the same as in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 375, and are 15 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 23, and are 8 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 8th May 1956, was 16,128. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 52.7° being 2.7° above that for the previous week, and 5.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.98 inch, and the mean sunshine 43.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 19 — **Week ended SATURDAY, May 12th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	5
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	4	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	41	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	6	3	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	19
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	41	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	6	3	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	9	..	3	2	..	..	1	..	19

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	11	..	2	..	..	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	5
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	14	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	47	..	2	..	..	1	84	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	19	..	..	..	1	..	25
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
TOTAL	..	14	..	..	..	62	..	2	..	..	1	110	1	..	1	19	..	2	..	..	15	..	25	4	..	..	2	..	49
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	1	7	..	19	2	..	..	..	..	23
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	6	179	..	4	1	98	..	4	..	..	..	85	..	..	4	97	..	1	5	1	21	..	45	2	..	..	..	..	88
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	6
Greenock B.	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	199	..	4	1	127	..	8	..	..	..	164	..	..	4	142	5	1	5	2	62	..	97	6	..	..	..	..	140
GRAND TOTAL	8	254	..	4	1	196	..	11	..	..	1	282	4	..	5	175	9	3	5	5	89	..	128	14	..	..	3	..	213

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 19

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 12, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 8, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 8th May 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	466	61	249	34	19	234	11.3	11	9	1	13	4	1	..	1	3	3	8	9	40	33	10	148	62	43	51.5	1.25	33.0	4,391
2. Edinburgh	467,000	135	35	125	18	5	112	12.5	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	4	22	16	5	79	64	43	52.9	0.44	53.9	1,299
3. Aberdeen	186,800	55	12	35	6	2	31	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	8	7	1	20	65	40	52.4	0.14	52.6	585
4. Dundee	178,500	66	11	47	6	4	45	13.2	3	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	1	6	6	1	30	68	42	54.1	0.45	45.9	638
5. Paisley	95,200	37	..	30	8	..	22	12.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6	3	..	13	63	45	53.0	1.75	36.9	433
6. Greenock	77,500	27	3	25	5	1	21	14.2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	1	16	61	44	52.2	2.14	40.6	442
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	26	1	12	..	4	16	11.9	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	594
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	17	1	15	1	5	19	19.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	7	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	214
9. Coatbridge	50,700	20	..	6	1	..	5	5.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	266
10. Dunfermline	45,200	15	1	16	2	..	14	16.2	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	269
11. Clydebank	48,100	21	..	12	3	6	15	16.3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	350
12. Ayr	43,200	23	3	13	3	3	13	15.8	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	283
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	19	2	6	1	1	6	7.2	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	61	45	52.2	1.16	31.5	270
14. Perth	41,000	14	1	9	5	3	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	5	65	41	53.4	0.52	51.4	154
15. Hamilton	41,100	12	5	3	1	4	6	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	617
16. Falkirk	37 000	8	..	14	10	..	4	5.6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	194
17. Airdrie	32,000	16	1	2	1	6	7	11.4	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	171
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 12, 1956.	2,593,200	977	137	619	105	63	577	11.6	22	14	2	26	7	5	1	2	5	4	20	23	99	90	23	375	68†	40†	52.7‡	0.98‡	43.2‡	
May 5, 1956.	2,593,200	1097	245	639	117	57	579	11.7	20	9	4	26	4	4	1	1	8	7	18	28	100	92	31	360	66†	32†	50.0‡	0.27‡	34.6‡	
May 14, 1955.	2,587,900	926	129	621	112	54	563	11.3	23	8	1	23	3	5	1	..	10	9	18	13	112	79	28	353	62†	32†	47.3‡	1.02‡	39.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 20

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 19th May 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 19th May 1956, the births of 983 living children, and of 33 stillborn children, 134 marriages and 556 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 2.7 and the death-rate 11.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 32 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.8 in Ayr and 15.7 in Kilmarnock to 7.2 in Coatbridge and 7.1 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee 14.9 and in Clydebank 14.1. In Glasgow the rate was 10.6 and in Edinburgh 10.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from scarlet fever.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9 of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 more than in the previous week, and the latter 5 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 40, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 27, being 1 more than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 347, and are 28 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 29, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 15th May 1956, was 15,119. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.4° being 4.3° below that for the previous week, and 1.6° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.22 inch, and the mean sunshine 45.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 20 **Week ended SATURDAY, May 19th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	7	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	5
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	7	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	11	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	8

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	16	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	2	..	..	..	104	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	3	..	19	1	..	..	..	..	24
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	16	..	..	..	50	..	3	..	..	..	131	1	..	1	23	..	..	..	1	21	..	25	2	..	..	..	..	36
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	1	..	..	2	17	..	1	..	..	..	31	1	..	..	13	..	1	1	..	9	..	12	2	..	..	1	..	32
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	6	174	..	7	2	64	..	6	..	..	..	69	..	..	..	64	..	..	4	2	13	..	52	12	..	..	..	..	71
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	203	..	7	4	113	..	12	..	..	..	143	1	..	..	102	1	1	5	2	55	..	89	19	..	..	1	..	126
GRAND TOTAL	8	226	..	7	4	173	..	18	..	..	..	278	2	..	1	145	1	3	5	3	91	..	130	22	..	..	1	..	170

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 20

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 19, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 15, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 15th May 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	405	51	242	34	13	221	10.6	17	7	1	11	..	2	..	1	4	4	5	11	55	28	9	138	57	33	47.6	0.27	44.7	4,227
2. Edinburgh	467,000	165	34	104	19	5	90	10.1	7	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	22	16	5	60	61	36	49.2	0.04	48.2	1,296
3. Aberdeen	186,800	62	15	58	13	2	47	13.2	2	1	1	4	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	1	10	6	5	24	66	35	47.1	0.07	52.6	576
4. Dundee	178,500	75	11	49	5	7	51	14.9	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	11	6	2	35	62	33	48.4	0.23	40.7	577
5. Paisley	95,200	44	1	25	3	2	24	13.2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6	5	4	12	59	35	49.3	0.24	40.8	385
6. Greenock	77,500	31	2	18	..	1	19	12.8	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	2	..	11	57	36	48.1	0.54	47.2	421
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	33	2	9	1	6	14	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	540
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	26	1	9	2	2	9	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	249
9. Coatbridge	50,700	13	2	4	2	5	7	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	261
10. Dunfermline	45,200	21	2	9	2	..	7	8.1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	214
11. Clydebank	48,100	15	1	14	3	2	13	14.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	324
12. Ayr	43,200	27	..	15	3	1	13	15.8	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	271
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	14	1	12	3	4	13	15.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	9	60	32	49.0	0.12	45.1	204
14. Perth	41,000	13	3	6	2	2	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	5	60	33	48.7	0.22	40.8	128
15. Hamilton	41,100	13	3	8	..	2	10	12.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	505
16. Falkirk	37,000	16	2	10	5	..	5	7.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	200
17. Airdrie	32,000	10	3	5	..	2	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	179
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 19, 1956.	2,593,200	983	134	597	97	56	556	11.2	33	14	4	27	2	4	..	1	9	9	17	23	128	78	29	347	66†	32†	48.4‡	0.22‡	45.0‡	
May 12, 1956.	2,593,200	977	137	619	105	63	577	11.6	22	14	2	26	7	5	1	2	5	4	20	23	99	90	23	375	68†	40†	52.7‡	0.98‡	43.2‡	
May 21, 1955.	2,587,900‖	937	165	617	101	56	572	11.5	20	14	..	20	3	5	1	..	14	13	19	25	95	85	32	352	56†	30†	42.2‡	0.41‡	59.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes.

‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 21

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 26th May 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 26th May 1956, the births of 996 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 193 marriages and 573 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 3.9 and the death-rate 11.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 more than in the previous week, and 1.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.5 in Falkirk and 12.9 in Glasgow to 5.4 in Clydebank and 3.8 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Aberdeen 12.3 and in Edinburgh 12.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from whooping cough.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 29, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 36, being 9 more than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 358, and are 11 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 33, and are 4 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 22nd May 1956, was 13,574. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 52.0° being 3.6° above that for the previous week, and 0.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.36 inch, and the mean sunshine 56.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 21 **Week ended SATURDAY, May 26th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
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Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	39	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	19
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	39	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	3	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	20

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	11	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	104	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	..	5	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	22
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	..	11	..	..	..	40	..	2	..	..	..	112	..	..	1	10	1	2	..	1	11	..	12	6	..	..	1	..	38
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	8	..	..	1	15	..	1	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	3	..	12	2	..	..	..	..	42
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Glasgow B.	6	259	..	5	7	175	..	6	3	..	..	93	..	..	..	93	..	2	3	1	14	..	35	4	..	..	..	..	82
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	8
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	5
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
TOTAL	7	276	..	5	9	211	1	10	3	..	..	151	1	..	..	132	6	2	3	2	41	..	82	8	..	..	..	..	155
GRAND TOTAL	7	326	..	5	9	265	1	16	3	..	..	272	3	..	1	159	8	8	3	3	63	..	125	17	..	..	1	..	217

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 21

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 26, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 22, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 22nd May 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	464	73	286	36	18	268	12.9	10	8	2	16	..	3	1	1	7	6	9	10	48	38	20	162	67	34	51.6	0.39	54.8	3,374
2. Edinburgh	467,000	145	39	122	17	3	108	12.1	2	2	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	19	23	5	75	67	37	53.6	0.23	67.0	999
3. Aberdeen	186,800	76	16	48	9	5	44	12.3	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	8	7	1	30	65	36	50.5	0.02	62.3	568
4. Dundee	178,500	60	12	38	3	1	36	10.5	..	5	1	7	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	9	6	2	23	67	38	52.6	0.09	49.7	530
5. Paisley	95,200	42	12	18	5	2	15	8.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	10	69	36	52.9	0.60	53.7	383
6. Greenock	77,500	24	5	12	2	1	11	7.4	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	5	67	38	52.4	0.85	59.1	351
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	33	4	13	1	4	16	11.9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	500
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	25	1	13	3	..	10	10.2	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	237
9. Coatbridge	50,700	21	3	6	2	6	10	10.3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	254
10. Dunfermline	45,200	9	4	7	2	..	5	5.8	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	177
11. Clydebank	48,100	17	..	7	3	1	5	5.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	235
12. Ayr	43,200	21	5	10	3	2	9	10.9	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	254
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	21	4	10	4	1	7	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	66	34	51.3	0.49	53.0	241
14. Perth	41,000	6	4	4	1	..	3	3.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	69	35	51.4	0.17	54.2	125
15. Hamilton	41,100	15	5	6	3	5	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	459
16. Falkirk	37,000	9	3	14	5	2	11	15.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	184
17. Airdrie	32,000	8	3	4	..	3	7	11.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	159
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 26, 1956.	2,593,200	996	193	618	99	54	573	11.6	21	22	4	36	5	7	2	1	7	6	13	16	112	86	33	358	69†	34†	52.0‡	0.36‡	56.7‡	
May 19, 1956.	2,593,200	983	134	597	97	56	556	11.2	33	14	4	27	2	4	..	1	9	9	17	23	128	78	29	347	66†	32†	48.4‡	0.22‡	45.0‡	
May 28, 1955.	2,587,900‖	956	156	594	116	70	548	11.0	17	24	2	37	7	3	2	..	7	5	23	17	82	79	19	358	69†	32†	51.0‡	0.13‡	54.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 22

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 2nd June 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 2nd June 1956, the births of 1016 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 243 marriages and 506 deaths. In the case of births stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only), is 20.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 4.9 and the death-rate 10.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.0 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average. The death-rate is 1.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.5 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.4 in Motherwell and 14.4 in Coatbridge to 6.9 in Dunfermline and 6.1 in Ayr. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Hamilton 11.5 and in Glasgow 11.1. In Edinburgh the rate was 9.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 6, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, but the latter the same as in the previous week.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 35, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 28, being 8 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 324, and are 34 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 18, and are 15 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 29th May 1956, was 14,559. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 56.2° being 4.2° above that for the previous week, and 2.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.07 inch, and the mean sunshine 39.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 22 **Week ended SATURDAY, June 2nd, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	32	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	5	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	32	..	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	7	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	13

Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	18	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	99	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	7	..	21	1	..	..	..	..	21
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
TOTAL	1	18	..	..	..	35	..	1	..	..	..	110	..	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	19	..	37	3	..	..	..	..	41
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	5	..	..	1	14	..	1	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	14	..	2	..	..	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	22
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	7	241	..	3	1	131	..	3	..	..	..	132	..	..	1	94	..	2	7	1	27	..	45	2	..	..	..	..	145
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	2
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	2
Greenock B.	..	27	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	284	..	3	2	165	..	5	..	..	..	170	1	..	1	153	4	4	9	2	53	..	101	5	..	..	1	..	177
GRAND TOTAL	13	334	..	3	3	212	..	7	..	..	..	288	1	..	2	176	6	5	9	2	81	..	157	12	..	..	1	..	231

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 22

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 2, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 29, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 29th May 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	459	85	235	21	16	230	11.1	12	5	..	13	..	1	1	1	5	5	15	10	41	26	14	135	76	48	56.8	0.05	36.8	4,030
2. Edinburgh	467,000	171	47	96	13	5	88	9.9	1	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	23	16	..	64	69	45	54.4	0.08	43.1	1,098
3. Aberdeen	186,800	58	27	43	13	1	31	8.7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	5	1	23	67	43	53.8	0.19	36.3	539
4. Dundee	178,500	73	16	34	4	6	36	10.5	1	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	1	1	3	..	7	9	..	19	73	45	56.5	0.01	43.5	598
5. Paisley	95,200	44	7	18	4	..	14	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	11	76	50	57.6	0.03	35.4	334
6. Greenock	77,500	29	15	15	6	2	11	7.4	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	7	74	49	55.4	0.14	40.1	359
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	29	7	23	6	5	22	16.4	..	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	4	4	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	455
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	19	1	8	1	..	7	7.2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	222
9. Coatbridge	50,700	28	1	11	1	4	14	14.4	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	266
10. Dunfermline	45,200	15	4	7	2	1	6	6.9	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	234
11. Clydebank	48,100	19	5	7	1	2	8	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	242
12. Ayr	43,200	7	9	7	4	2	5	6.1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	261
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	21	6	11	4	..	7	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	77	49	58.1	0.07	39.4	235
14. Perth	41,000	9	6	7	3	2	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	5	76	47	57.2	0.02	40.0	168
15. Hamilton	41,100	14	5	7	2	4	9	11.5	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	551
16. Falkirk	37,000	12	2	11	6	1	6	8.5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	215
17. Airdrie	32,000	9	..	7	1	..	6	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	180
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
June 2, 1956.	2,593,200	1016	243	547	92	51	506	10.2	25	14	2	28	1	8	2	1	6	6	22	13	99	73	18	324	77†	43†	56.2‡	0.07‡	39.4‡	
May 26, 1956.	2,593,200	996	193	618	99	54	573	11.6	21	22	4	36	5	7	2	1	7	6	13	16	112	86	33	358	69†	34†	52.0‡	0.36‡	56.7‡	
June 4, 1955.	2,587,900‖	1025	323	626	109	58	575	11.6	31	14	4	28	5	7	2	3	19	16	14	14	120	72	21	349	77†	34†	54.7‡	0.16‡	77.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes.

‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 23

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 9th June 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 9th June 1956, the births of 954 living children, and of 23 stillborn children, 563 marriages and 545 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 11.4 and the death-rate 11.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 6.5 more than in the previous week, and 1.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.3 in Perth and 12.3 in Dundee to 5.8 in Dunfermline and 4.8 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Motherwell & Wishaw 11.9 and Hamilton 11.5.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there was 1 death registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 12 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 more than in the previous week, and the latter 6 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 38, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 21, being 7 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 16 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 333, and are 9 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are 4 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 5th June 1956, was 13,855. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 50.2° being 6.0° below that for the previous week, and 4.1° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.16 inches, and the mean sunshine 39.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 23 **Week ended SATURDAY, June 9th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	13	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	12
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	13	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	12	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	12

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	21	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	1	..	..	..	82	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	5	..	12	1	..	..	1	..	..	37
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
TOTAL	..	21	..	..	..	62	..	2	..	..	..	121	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	14	..	21	3	..	..	1	..	..	52
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	25
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	19
Glasgow B.	6	257	..	7	2	111	..	2	..	..	..	100	..	..	1	77	..	1	4	..	16	..	42	4	..	..	..	..	..	83
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	270	..	7	2	129	..	7	..	..	1	155	1	..	1	116	8	1	4	2	46	..	91	7	..	..	..	..	..	155
GRAND TOTAL	11	304	..	7	2	196	..	11	..	..	1	287	1	..	1	143	8	1	4	2	74	..	124	12	..	..	1	..	..	220

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 9, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 5, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)‖	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 5th June 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	439	233	257	31	20	246	11.9	11	8	..	12	1	5	..	..	9	9	8	9	54	29	8	132	65	37	49.4	1.38	36.5	3,800
2. Edinburgh	467,000	138	108	119	20	7	106	11.9	4	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	2	18	20	8	72	58	40	49.5	0.70	36.8	1,113
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	70	44	41	11	1	31	8.7	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	7	1	19	59	41	49.6	0.28	45.1	509
4. Dundee .	178,500	55	31	34	2	10	42	12.3	2	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	6	3	3	29	61	38	50.9	0.83	36.5	545
5. Paisley .	95,200	40	18	22	6	1	17	9.3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	1	10	65	39	50.9	1.63	34.5	366
6. Greenock .	77,500	31	16	17	4	1	14	9.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	..	..	9	63	42	50.6	2.25	44.3	419
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	26	16	14	1	3	16	11.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	410
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	20	11	9	3	1	7	7.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	237
9. Coatbridge	50,700	29	11	2	..	4	6	6.2	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	295
10. Dunfermline	45,200	15	9	6	1	..	5	5.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	241
11. Clydebank	48,100	21	10	8	2	3	9	9.8	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	241
12. Ayr . .	43,200	9	13	6	1	1	6	7.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	210
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	10	11	6	2	..	4	4.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	65	43	50.4	1.51	41.1	234
14. Perth .	41,000	8	13	10	1	3	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	11	64	35	50.4	0.68	42.8	134
15. Hamilton .	41,100	20	6	7	..	2	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	475
16. Falkirk .	37,000	11	5	15	7	..	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	206
17. Airdrie .	32,000	12	8	4	..	3	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	157
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 9, 1956.	2,593,200	954	563	577	92	60	545	11.0	23	16	1	21	2	10	..	..	12	12	21	17	110	72	22	333	65†	35†	50.2‡	1.16‡	39.7‡	
June 2, 1956.	2,593,200	1016	243	547	92	51	506	10.2	25	14	2	28	1	8	2	1	6	6	22	13	99	73	18	324	77†	43†	56.2‡	0.07‡	39.4‡	
June 11, 1955.	2,587,900	977	535	597	115	55	537	10.8	13	14	5	23	3	7	1	..	11	8	12	22	108	84	23	325	71†	31†	51.6‡	0.14‡	38.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL No. 24
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 16th June 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 16th June 1956, the births of 935 living children, and of 26 stillborn children, 422 marriages and 517 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.5 and the death-rate 10.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.9 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average. The death-rate is 0.6 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.1 in Kilmarnock and 14.8 in Paisley to 6.5 in Clydebank and 2.3 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Airdrie 14.7 and Ayr 13.3. In Glasgow the rate was 10.9 and in Edinburgh 11.3.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 5 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 7 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 38, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 23, being 2 more than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 316, and are 17 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 25, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 12th June 1956, was 13,480. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 52.4° being 2.2° above that for the previous week, but 2.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.70 inch, and the mean sunshine 54.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 24 **Week ended SATURDAY, June 16th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	2	...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	1	..	..	8	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	16	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	14	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	15
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	16	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	14	3	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	3	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	16

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	20	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	1	..	..	..	96	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	7	..	16	1	1	..	..	..	..	22
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	1	20	..	..	..	53	..	2	..	..	..	131	..	..	1	13	..	..	..	..	11	..	30	3	1	..	.	..	45
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	..	17	..	4	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	16	..	..	..	1	13	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	14
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	5	246	..	3	1	102	..	5	..	..	..	93	..	..	2	73	..	3	6	3	24	..	43	4	..	..	..	..	137
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	8
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	7	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	5	261	..	3	1	128	..	11	..	..	..	162	1	..	3	124	10	3	7	6	63	..	77	8	..	..	..	..	196
GRAND TOTAL	7	297	..	3	1	193	..	15	..	..	..	308	4	..	4	144	13	6	7	6	85	..	118	16	1	..	1	..	257

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 24

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 16, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 12, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 12th June 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	445	186	211	18	14	207	10.0	12	5	1	9	1	4	..	..	2	2	7	10	41	28	8	110	75	39	52.6	0.71	56.3	3,680
2. Edinburgh	467,000	142	73	114	18	5	101	11.3	2	3	2	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	21	23	5	71	66	39	51.9	1.17	48.0	1,058
3. Aberdeen	186,800	64	35	51	12	2	41	11.5	5	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	11	9	2	29	67	34	48.5	0.70	62.1	513
4. Dundee	178,500	51	23	32	6	4	30	8.8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	6	2	25	63	40	51.4	1.33	42.1	530
5. Paisley	95,200	32	17	25	4	6	27	14.8	1	3	..	3	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	9	5	1	12	75	42	54.9	0.56	58.7	366
6. Greenock	77,500	33	13	20	8	..	12	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	6	75	43	54.0	0.19	61.6	370
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	9	9	1	3	11	8.2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	476
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	21	9	11	1	2	12	12.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	225
9. Coatbridge	50,700	28	6	5	..	2	7	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	234
10. Dunfermline	45,200	7	9	5	3	..	2	2.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	244
11. Clydebank	48,100	12	1	7	4	3	6	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	202
12. Ayr	43,200	13	9	12	2	1	11	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	244
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	11	7	11	1	5	15	18.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	2	1	10	77	40	53.8	0.11	56.4	223
14. Perth	41,000	10	13	10	5	3	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	8	74	35	52.0	0.81	48.7	112
15. Hamilton	41,100	22	1	2	..	8	10	12.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	499
16. Falkirk	37,000	8	11	9	1	..	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	164
17. Airdrie	32,000	11	6	8	..	1	9	14.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	115
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
June 16, 1956	2,593,200	935	422	542	84	59	517	10.4	26	13	3	23	4	5	1	..	7	5	14	24	103	86	25	316	77†	34†	52.4‡	0.70‡	54.2‡	
June 9, 1956	2,593,200	954	563	577	92	60	545	11.0	23	16	1	21	2	10	..	..	12	12	21	17	110	72	22	333	65†	35†	50.2‡	1.16‡	39.7‡	
June 18, 1955	2,587,900	871	422	532	102	64	494	10.0	19	15	3	24	4	6	..	2	12	10	16	15	108	68	24	307	74†	35†	55.0‡	0.44‡	53.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 25

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 23rd June 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 23rd June 1956, the births of 926 living children, and of 30 stillborn children, 480 marriages and 520 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.7 and the death-rate 10.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 31 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.7 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.3 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 18.4 in Falkirk to 6.2 in Coatbridge and 3.8 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kilmarnock 18.1 and Airdrie 16.3. In Glasgow the rate was 10.3 and in Edinburgh 11.3.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths registered from these causes. There was, however, 1 death from dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 3 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 31, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 25, being 2 more than in the previous week. Of these, 9 were aged 0-6 days and 7 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 319, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 19th June 1956, was 13,197. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 57.5° being 5.1° above that for the previous week, and 2.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.36 inch, and the mean sunshine 45.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 25 **Week ended SATURDAY, June 23rd, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	2
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	45	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	14	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	13
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	45	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	14	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	13

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	8
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	26	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	2	..	..	..	55	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	8	5	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	25
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	26	..	..	..	91	..	3	..	..	..	111	1	..	..	13	2	1	..	8	13	..	20	6	..	..	.	..	45
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	17	..	..	2	11	..	2	..	..	..	19	1	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	9	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	20
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	18
Glasgow B.	14	178	..	4	1	97	..	4	..	1	..	62	..	..	..	63	..	3	2	1	12	..	36	2	..	..	..	..	113
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	17
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	16	207	..	4	4	122	..	8	1	1	..	129	1	..	..	99	9	5	2	3	41	..	96	6	..	..	..	..	189
GRAND TOTAL	16	280	..	4	4	225	..	16	1	1	..	254	5	..	..	128	12	6	3	11	67	..	127	14	..	..	..	..	250

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 25

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 23, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 19, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 19th June 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	393	209	214	18	18	214	10.3	12	4	4	13	1	4	1	..	5	5	7	14	45	27	8	130	78	46	57.6	0.56	51.9	3,572
2. Edinburgh	467,000	134	168	109	15	7	101	11.3	8	1	2	4	..	3	..	..	2	2	3	..	25	13	4	60	78	46	58.0	0.20	45.2	1,112
3. Aberdeen	186,800	59	35	45	14	3	34	9.5	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	4	..	22	70	36	54.2	0.45	32.1	473
4. Dundee	178,500	56	30	29	2	3	30	8.8	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	6	8	2	20	73	44	57.6	0.31	39.8	557
5. Paisley	95,200	44	12	18	4	2	16	8.8	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	..	12	80	48	59.6	0.28	53.4	345
6. Greenock	77,500	31	6	14	3	1	12	8.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	6	72	48	57.5	0.24	46.1	346
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	11	22	4	8	26	19.3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	451
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	24	6	7	2	2	7	7.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	216
9. Coatbridge	50,700	24	5	5	1	2	6	6.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	268
10. Dunfermline	45,200	19	7	15	7	..	8	9.2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	229
11. Clydebank	48,100	32	7	6	3	5	8	8.7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	213
12. Ayr	43,200	18	14	15	5	..	10	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	248
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	8	13	2	4	15	18.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	9	74	45	56.7	0.41	45.3	215
14. Perth	41,000	12	6	10	3	..	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	6	81	44	58.6	0.46	49.5	103
15. Hamilton	41,100	15	4	2	..	1	3	3.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	420
16. Falkirk	37,000	13	7	18	5	..	13	18.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	148
17. Airdrie	32,000	14	5	7	..	3	10	16.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	135
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 23, 1956.	2,593,200	926	480	549	88	59	520	10.5	30	9	7	25	2	9	1	..	8	8	14	17	115	77	22	319	81†	36†	57.5‡	0.36‡	45.4‡	
June 16, 1956.	2,593,200	935	422	542	84	59	517	10.4	26	13	3	23	4	5	1	..	7	5	14	24	103	86	25	316	77†	34†	52.4‡	0.70‡	54.2‡	
June 25, 1955.	2,587,900‖	953	439	594	118	65	541	10.9	24	27	1	34	6	6	..	2	11	9	10	14	114	77	21	328	72†	41†	56.1‡	0.19‡	36.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 26

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 30th June 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 30th June 1956, the births of 965 living children, and of 32 stillborn children, 529 marriages and 515 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.7 and the death-rate 10.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 32 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.0 more than in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.7 in Kilmarnock and 12.7 in Falkirk and Hamilton to 6.5 in Airdrie and 6.4 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh 11.9 and in Dunfermline 11.6. In Glasgow the rate was 10.1.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths registered from these causes.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. There were, however, 2 deaths from other forms of tuberculosis. In the previous week there were 8 deaths registered, all of which were of the respiratory system.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 24, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 18, being 7 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 12 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 333, and are 14 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 30, and are 8 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 26th June 1956, was 13,188. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 56.2° being 1.3° below that for the previous week, but 0.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.37 inch, and the mean sunshine 34.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 26 — **Week ended SATURDAY, June 30th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute, Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	4	..	9	1	..	..	2	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	51	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	24	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	20
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	51	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	24	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	10	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	20

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	6	..	5	2	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	25	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	28	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	1	..	..	..	72	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	3	..	..	..	29
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	..	25	..	..	..	66	..	1	2	..	..	102	..	..	..	12	1	1	..	..	13	..	30	8	..	..	.	..	34
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	3	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	19	..	2	..	1	2	..	13	..	..	..	..	36
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	8
Glasgow B.	8	65	..	5	4	111	..	5	..	..	..	20	3	..	..	75	..	2	5	3	20	..	67	2	..	..	..	108
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	9
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	6
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	7
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	23
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	10	78	..	5	5	123	1	11	..	..	..	67	5	..	..	117	4	5	5	5	40	..	118	6	1	..	..	..	219
GRAND TOTAL	11	155	..	5	5	201	1	15	2	..	..	195	12	..	..	138	7	6	5	6	68	..	167	16	1	..	2	..	277

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 26

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 30, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 26, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 26th June 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	433	209	230	34	13	209	10.1	13	6	1	9	2	4	2	..	..	..	5	7	39	35	16	136	72	42	56.4	0.44	36.4	3,544
2. Edinburgh	467,000	136	96	125	25	6	106	11.9	7	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	26	21	6	69	70	44	56.4	0.22	40.6	1,024
3. Aberdeen	186,800	55	34	50	12	1	39	10.9	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	1	27	64	36	52.0	0.35	37.7	507
4. Dundee	178,500	69	33	35	3	1	33	9.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	6	2	24	72	43	56.4	0.54	24.2	555
5. Paisley	95,200	42	18	15	2	1	14	7.7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	2	10	76	45	58.4	0.23	38.8	336
6. Greenock	77,500	23	30	19	4	1	16	10.8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	9	71	45	57.0	0.36	40.1	311
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	29	11	12	6	6	12	8.9	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	438
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	21	10	9	3	2	8	8.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	222
9. Coatbridge	50,700	18	8	5	..	5	10	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	296
10. Dunfermline	45,200	14	7	14	5	1	10	11.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	219
11. Clydebank	48,100	25	28	5	2	5	8	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	212
12. Ayr	43,200	21	11	9	1	1	9	10.9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	226
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	22	10	11	1	3	13	15.7	..	..	..	.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	7	69	40	56.0	0.28	32.4	213
14. Perth	41,000	19	3	10	5	..	5	6.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	73	45	57.3	0.53	28.5	116
15. Hamilton	41,100	13	3	1	..	9	10	12.7	1	2	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	493
16. Falkirk	37,000	14	14	12	5	2	9	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	196
17. Airdrie	32,000	11	10	2	..	2	4	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	154
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 30, 1956	2,593,200	965	529	564	108	59	515	10.4	32	12	1	18	4	6	3	..	2	..	9	15	97	88	30	333	76†	36†	56.2‡	0.37‡	34.8‡	
June 23, 1956.	2,593,200	926	480	549	88	59	520	10.5	30	9	7	25	2	9	1	..	8	8	14	17	115	77	22	319	81†	36†	57.5‡	0.36‡	45.4‡	
July 2, 1955.	2,587,900‖	881	543	550	97	59	512	10.3	13	17	..	25	5	6	..	..	2	2	15	11	103	81	21	305	71†	44†	56.5‡	1.46‡	19.5‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 27

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 7th July 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 7th July 1956, the births of 1,009 living children, and of 14 stillborn children, 637 marriages and 524 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.8 and the death-rate 10.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 14 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.3 in Kilmarnock and 14.2 in Greenock to 7.2 in Kirkcaldy and 4.2 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley and Motherwell & Wishaw 12.6 and in Coatbridge 12.4. In Glasgow the rate was 9.7 and in Edinburgh 10.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from whooping cough.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 14, of which 13 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 12 more than in the previous week, and the latter 13 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 25, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 20, being 2 more than in the previous week. Of these, 12 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 324, and are 9 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 19, and are 11 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 3rd July 1956, was 12,161. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 58.8° being 2.6° above that for the previous week, and 1.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.41 inches, and the mean sunshine 31.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 27 — **Week ended SATURDAY, July 7th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1
Kincardine C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	1	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	3	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	8
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	3	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	12	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	10

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	16	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	5
Edinburgh B.	2	..	..	..	..	36	..	2	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	4	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	19
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	2	16	..	..	..	52	..	3	1	..	..	48	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	1	15	..	22	5	..	..	..	..	43
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	1	3	..	11	..	..	..	1	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	14	..	2	..	1	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	2	24	..	2	..	92	..	6	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	77	..	4	4	1	18	..	32	2	..	..	1	..	68
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	31	..	2	..	114	..	8	..	..	..	31	1	..	..	111	4	6	4	3	42	..	69	4	..	..	2	..	132
GRAND TOTAL	7	51	..	2	..	176	..	11	1	..	..	85	4	..	1	134	5	9	4	5	74	..	117	10	..	..	6	..	188

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 7, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 3, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 3rd July 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	453	286	221	29	9	201	9.7	7	4	1	9	..	4	..	1	3	3	8	3	43	32	5	110	68	52	58.1	1.57	23.2	3,389
2. Edinburgh	467,000	157	91	101	19	9	91	10.2	1	2	..	4	..	1	..	..	2	2	5	2	15	14	7	62	69	52	59.4	1.37	43.5	923
3. Aberdeen	186,800	60	63	53	13	3	43	12.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	15	4	..	26	66	45	56.1	1.17	40.1	426
4. Dundee	178,500	62	34	42	9	7	40	11.7	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	9	7	3	27	73	48	58.9	1.61	28.0	481
5. Paisley	95,200	43	14	22	3	4	23	12.6	1	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	3	3	14	70	53	59.9	1.19	25.5	314
6. Greenock	77,500	45	21	25	4	..	21	14.2	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	..	13	68	53	58.8	1.96	33.8	280
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	28	10	13	2	6	17	12.6	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	379
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	15	17	11	6	2	7	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	179
9. Coatbridge	50,700	25	11	9	..	3	12	12.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	3	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	236
10. Dunfermline	45,200	16	13	12	4	2	10	11.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	194
11. Clydebank	48,100	23	17	8	1	3	10	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	191
12. Ayr	43,200	11	11	13	5	1	9	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	204
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	20	10	17	2	1	16	19.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	16	68	52	59.6	1.18	29.7	218
14. Perth	41,000	13	9	14	5	..	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	71	52	59.3	1.19	30.8	119
15. Hamilton	41,100	14	5	2	..	4	6	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	422
16. Falkirk	37,000	13	17	10	7	..	3	4.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	169
17. Airdrie	32,000	11	8	6	1	1	6	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	120
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 7, 1956	2,593,200	1009	637	573	110	55	524	10.6	14	12	1	20	1	6	..	1	14	13	17	8	110	77	19	324	73†	45†	58.8‡	1.41‡	31.8‡	
June 30, 1956	2,593,200	965	529	564	108	59	515	10.4	32	12	1	18	4	6	3	..	2	..	9	15	97	88	30	333	76†	36†	56.2‡	0.37‡	34.8‡	
July 9, 1955	2,587,900‖	884	671	589	112	55	532	10.7	22	15	1	23	3	8	1	..	11	11	20	13	115	70	29	323	81†	41†	60.8‡	0.50‡	53.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 14th July 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 14th July 1956, the births of 864 living children, and of 20 stillborn children, 747 marriages and 458 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.4 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 15.1 and the death-rate 9.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 23 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.3 more than in the previous week, and 2.9 above the average. The death-rate is 1.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.9 in Falkirk and 15.3 in Perth to 4.8 in Ayr and 3.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 11.5 and in Paisley 11.0. In Glasgow the rate was 8.6 and in Edinburgh 10.5.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 7 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 6 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 30, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 27, being 7 more than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 278, and are 46 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 2 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 10th July 1956, was 11,315. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 56.5° being 2.3° below that for the previous week, and 2.1° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.41 inch, and the mean sunshine 40.5 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 28 **Week ended SATURDAY, July 14th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	1	..	..	4	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	8	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	13
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	8	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	5	..	2	..	1	7	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	16

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	7	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	2	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	2	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	39
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	10	..	..	..	43	..	5	5	..	..	48	..	..	..	24	..	2	..	..	11	..	29	5	..	..	..	..	46
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	8
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	3	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	22
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	9
Glasgow B.	5	9	..	4	2	48	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	48	..	..	2	..	7	..	52	1	..	..	3	..	28
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	6	16	..	4	3	59	..	4	1	..	..	33	1	..	..	77	4	..	3	..	25	..	80	4	..	..	4	..	99
GRAND TOTAL	8	35	..	4	3	109	..	13	6	..	..	90	3	..	..	115	4	4	3	1	48	..	124	11	..	..	8	..	162

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 14, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 10, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 10th July 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	363	320	178	17	18	179	8.6	4	6	2	11	..	..	1	..	3	3	8	7	36	19	8	105	70	43	56.0	0.46	31.9	3,187
2. Edinburgh	467,000	136	182	104	13	3	94	10.5	4	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	3	25	14	4	59	68	47	55.6	0.59	36.4	813
3. Aberdeen	186,800	71	67	49	14	1	36	10.1	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	8	7	..	21	66	41	53.5	0.15	53.0	368
4. Dundee	178,500	46	34	31	5	2	28	8.2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	4	7	3	13	69	45	57.1	0.28	43.3	459
5. Paisley	95,200	36	14	25	6	1	20	11.0	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	4	3	1	13	71	45	57.6	0.71	32.4	286
6. Greenock	77,500	26	11	20	3	..	17	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	3	..	12	68	47	57.0	0.54	35.4	217
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	24	25	11	..	3	14	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	385
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	21	13	5	3	1	3	3.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	245
9. Coatbridge	50,700	18	22	3	..	7	10	10.3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	269
10. Dunfermline	45,200	22	8	11	3	..	8	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	196
11. Clydebank	48,100	22	5	3	1	4	6	6.5	1	2	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	124
12. Ayr	43,200	12	5	5	2	1	4	4.8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	196
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	19	..	10	3	1	8	9.6	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	6	69	43	57.8	0.24	47.5	183
14. Perth	41,000	14	7	10	1	3	12	15.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	11	68	44	57.1	0.27	44.2	102
15. Hamilton	41,100	14	16	3	1	2	4	5.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	379
16. Falkirk	37,000	6	3	16	5	1	12	16.9	2	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	136
17. Airdrie	32,000	14	15	2	1	2	3	4.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	130
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 14, 1956	2,593,200	864	747	486	78	50	458	9.2	20	17	3	27	5	4	1	2	8	7	16	14	93	62	21	278	71†	41†	56.5‡	0.41‡	40.5‡	
July 7, 1956	2,593,200	1009	637	579	110	55	524	10.6	14	12	1	20	1	6	..	1	14	13	17	8	110	77	19	324	73†	45†	58.8‡	1.41‡	31.8‡	
July 16, 1955	2,587,900‖	850	653	553	81	61	533	10.7	35	18	2	29	6	5	1	1	5	5	21	15	106	77	30	305	83†	44†	64.5‡	0.01‡	75.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 21st July 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 21st July 1956, the births of 1,030 living children, and of 29 stillborn children, 825 marriages and 486 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 16.6 and the death-rate 9.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 3.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.5 more than in the previous week, and 0.6 above the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, but 0.8 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.7 in Airdrie and 14.0 in Perth to 5.2 in Coatbridge and 4.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Hamilton 12.7 and in Glasgow 10.7. In Edinburgh the rate was 10.6.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 5 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 2 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 25, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 27, being the same as in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 295, and are 17 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 17th July 1956, was 10,287. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 59.8° being 3.3° above that for the previous week, and 0.7° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.24 inch, and the mean sunshine 51.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 29 **Week ended SATURDAY, July 21st, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	12
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	1	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	17
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	1	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	6	..	7	6	..	..	..	..	30

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kirkcaldy B.	..	16	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	6	..	7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	16	..	..	..	42	..	2	2	..	..	58	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	24	..	19	4	..	..	1	..	..	39
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	15
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	4	11	..	4	5	77	..	3	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	65	..	1	5	..	21	..	19	3	..	..	1	..	..	38
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	1	11	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	5	15	..	4	5	94	..	10	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	109	4	1	7	2	46	..	60	11	..	..	1	..	..	107
GRAND TOTAL	10	32	..	4	5	150	..	13	2	..	..	80	5	..	..	126	7	3	7	2	79	..	95	21	..	..	4	..	..	177

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 21, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 17, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 17th July 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	454	468	231	31	22	222	10.7	10	7	3	15	2	2	1	..	6	4	8	5	53	36	13	127	73	49	60.7	0.37	54.2	2,679
2. Edinburgh	467,000	184	73	104	15	6	95	10.6	6	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	21	16	3	66	66	51	55.9	0.41	32.5	713
3. Aberdeen	186,800	65	34	34	8	1	27	7.6	3	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	6	3	2	17	67	46	56.0	0.01	60.1	374
4. Dundee	178,500	70	55	35	6	2	31	9.1	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	8	1	19	74	47	60.3	0.14	51.7	444
5. Paisley	95,200	28	9	17	6	2	13	7.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	5	..	7	74	52	62.4	0.33	49.8	283
6. Greenock	77,500	24	9	17	4	..	13	8.8	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	7	72	53	61.6	0.24	47.8	267
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	28	24	10	1	3	12	8.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	410
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	14	14	6	3	1	4	4.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	146
9. Coatbridge	50,700	31	24	4	1	2	5	5.2	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	339
10. Dunfermline	45,200	16	9	9	2	1	8	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	97
11. Clydebank	48,100	17	8	4	1	5	8	8.7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	152
12. Ayr	43,200	20	10	7	3	2	6	7.3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	194
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	20	9	4	..	3	7	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	73	50	61.5	0.33	54.9	174
14. Perth	41,000	9	15	12	3	2	11	14.0	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	7	73	43	60.0	0.07	64.3	120
15. Hamilton	41,100	24	31	5	1	6	10	12.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	424
16. Falkirk	37,000	12	10	6	2	1	5	7.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	131
17. Airdrie	32,000	14	23	5	..	4	9	14.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	190
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 21, 1956.	2,593,200	1030	825	510	87	63	486	9.8	29	15	3	27	3	6	1	1	7	5	14	11	103	83	28	295	74†	43†	59.8‡	0.24‡	51.9‡	
July 14, 1956.	2,593,200	864	747	486	78	50	458	9.2	20	17	3	27	5	4	1	2	8	7	16	14	93	62	21	278	71†	41†	56.5‡	0.41‡	40.5‡	
July 23, 1955.	2,587,900‖	952	845	567	103	89	553	11.1	25	15	1	19	5	5	1	1	11	9	6	12	109	88	31	314	83†	48†	62.4‡	0.01‡	61.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 28th July 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 28th July 1956, the births of 966 living children, and of 15 stillborn children, 444 marriages and 482 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.0 and the death-rate 9.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 15 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 7.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.6 below the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 12.9 in Dundee and 11.3 in Falkirk to 6.5 in Clydebank and Airdrie and 5.2 in Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh 11.2 and in Paisley 11.0. In Glasgow the rate was 9.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 25, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 21, being 6 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 279, and are 16 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 23, and are 5 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 24th July 1956, was 9,454. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 58.4° being 1.4° below that for the previous week, but 0.5° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.23 inches, and the mean sunshine 29.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 30 — **Week ended SATURDAY, July 28th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	1	..	..
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	12
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	1	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	14

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kirkcaldy B.	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	30	..	2	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	1	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	19
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	36
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	5	..	..	..	35	..	5	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	2	10	..	22	2	..	..	1	..	66
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	9	5	..	..	..	..	19
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glasgow B.	4	1	..	4	..	99	..	2	..	..	..	13	1	..	..	50	..	2	6	1	10	..	25	4	..	..	..	..	49
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	3	..	4	..	113	..	5	..	..	..	36	2	..	1	75	3	3	8	2	28	..	56	12	..	..	..	..	106
GRAND TOTAL	11	8	..	4	..	153	..	12	..	..	..	81	6	..	1	95	4	4	8	5	39	..	101	19	..	..	2	..	186

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 28, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 24, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 24th July 1956**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	449	146	202	22	21	201	9.7	6	9	2	13	..	1	1	..	5	4	6	8	41	38	4	121	66	49	57.5	0.97	26.8	2,527
2. Edinburgh	467,000	149	71	106	13	7	100	11.2	4	2	..	4	..	1	..	1	2	..	3	..	22	25	7	49	70	50	59.0	1.26	39.0	752
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	70	40	35	6	2	31	8.7	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	10	3	17	76	44	56.9	1.91	39.4	426
4. Dundee .	178,500	56	88	46	6	4	44	12.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	11	8	4	25	74	43	60.2	1.34	34.6	348
5. Paisley .	95,200	35	18	25	7	2	20	11.0	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	12	68	50	57.9	0.90	18.1	243
6. Greenock .	77,500	23	8	15	4	..	11	7.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	8	66	50	57.9	1.16	18.1	390
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	18	9	9	3	3	9	6.7	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	251
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	16	6	6	..	2	8	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	120
9. Coatbridge	50,700	25	3	3	..	2	5	5.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	216
10. Dunfermline	45,200	17	6	7	1	..	6	6.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	124
11. Clydebank	48,100	28	5	8	2	..	6	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	223
12. Ayr . .	43,200	15	12	7	3	4	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	129
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	17	19	9	4	2	7	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	64	50	57.6	1.51	16.7	156
14. Perth .	41,000	7	7	9	5	3	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	72	49	60.3	0.75	42.5	95
15. Hamilton .	41,100	15	4	2	..	5	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	247
16. Falkirk .	37,000	10	3	11	3	..	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	167
17. Airdrie .	32,000	16	5	3	1	2	4	6.5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	100
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
July 28, 1956.	2,593,200	966	444	503	80	59	482	9.7	15	14	3	21	1	5	1	1	9	6	11	14	102	92	23	279	76†	44†	58.4‡	1.23‡	29.4‡	
July 21, 1956.	2,593,200	1030	825	510	87	63	486	9.8	29	15	3	27	3	6	1	1	7	5	14	11	103	83	28	295	74†	43†	59.8‡	0.24‡	51.9‡	
July 30, 1955.	2,587,900‖	929	439	497	91	53	459	9.2	21	13	2	25	6	3	3	1	8	7	16	12	93	62	34	283	86†	36†	61.7‡	..	75.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria. Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

No. 31

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 4th August 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 4th August 1956, the births of 896 living children, and of 16 stillborn children, 457 marriages and 477 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.2 and the death-rate 9.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 18 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.4 less than in the previous week, but 0.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 1.5 below the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.3 in Hamilton and 14.5 in Kilmarnock to 4.1 in Coatbridge and 2.8 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh 11.8 and in Motherwell & Wishaw 11.2. In Glasgow the rate was 10.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, but the latter are the same.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 26, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 21, being the same as in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and none were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 277, and are 2 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 14, and are 9 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 31st July 1956, was 9,986. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 54.1° being 4.3° below that for the previous week, and 3.9° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 2.31 inches, and the mean sunshine 20.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 31 — **Week ended SATURDAY, August 4th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	5	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	13

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	32
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	22	..	1	3	..	..	23	1	..	..	11	..	4	..	..	9	..	18	3	..	..	1	..	42
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	28
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Glasgow B.	2	2	..	3	3	79	..	1	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	39	..	1	3	..	6	..	34	2	..	..	..	..	68
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	17
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	4	..	3	3	91	..	6	..	..	..	16	2	..	1	57	4	2	3	..	22	..	70	9	..	..	..	..	159
GRAND TOTAL	4	7	..	3	3	120	..	8	3	..	..	39	8	..	1	80	4	8	4	1	41	..	99	15	..	..	1	..	215

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 31

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 4, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 31, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 31st July 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	389	120	227	32	15	210	10.1	12	10	..	12	2	4	..	..	4	3	4	5	54	32	3	111	63	44	53.5	2.93	19.4	2,630
2. Edinburgh	467,000	118	102	110	11	6	105	11.8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	25	15	4	67	63	45	53.6	2.26	19.9	929
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	69	42	43	13	..	30	8.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	6	6	..	21	60	41	52.1	3.04	19.8	503
4. Dundee .	178,500	70	33	26	5	4	25	7.3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	5	..	21	66	42	55.1	1.73	20.5	240
5. Paisley .	95,200	22	35	17	3	5	19	10.4	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	1	1	12	64	46	54.6	2.14	21.3	232
6. Greenock .	77,500	28	19	13	4	2	11	7.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	5	62	47	54.4	1.88	23.8	360
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	30	24	13	..	2	15	11.2	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	5	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	256
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	19	8	6	1	2	7	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	155
9. Coatbridge	50,700	14	4	5	1	..	4	4.1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	195
10. Dunfermline	45,200	26	5	3	..	1	4	4.6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	170
11. Clydebank	48,100	17	4	7	2	1	6	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	217
12. Ayr . .	43,200	11	15	8	5	2	5	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	138
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	27	19	12	1	1	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	3	64	42	54.1	2.25	22.2	112
14. Perth .	41,000	16	16	6	2	2	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	5	64	42	55.4	2.26	20.1	118
15. Hamilton .	41,100	15	4	8	..	4	12	15.3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	249
16. Falkirk .	37,000	12	4	3	1	..	2	2.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	162
17. Airdrie .	32,000	13	3	3	..	1	4	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	102
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug 4, 1956 .	2,593,200	896	457	510	81	48	477	9.6	16	14	..	21	3	7	1	1	8	6	9	17	109	80	14	277	66†	41†	54.1‡	2.31‡	20.9‡	
July 28, 1956 .	2,593,200	966	444	503	80	59	482	9.7	15	14	3	21	1	5	1	1	9	6	11	14	102	92	23	279	76†	44†	58.4‡	1.23‡	29.4‡	
Aug 6, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	883	576	475	71	49	453	9.1	18	13	2	21	4	4	1	..	3	3	8	11	123	56	31	283	84†	45†	62.9‡	0.02	52.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 32

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 11th August 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 11th August 1956, the births of 877 living children, and of 26 stillborn children, 565 marriages and 475 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 11.4 and the death-rate 9.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 29 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.4 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.2 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the average. The death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.3 in Kilmarnock and 12.8 in Perth to 5.9 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 5.8 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 12.1 and in Greenock 11.5. In Glasgow the rate was 9.6 and in Edinburgh 11.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from whooping cough. There was also 1 death from acute poliomyelitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 5, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 27, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 22, being 1 more than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 289, and are 12 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 24, and are 10 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 7th August 1956, was 12,881. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 55.6° being 1.5° above that for the previous week, but 2.8° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.04 inches, and the mean sunshine 34.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 32 **Week ended SATURDAY, August 11th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	3	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	17	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	14
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	17	..	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	4	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	15

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	1	3	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	13	1	..	..	..	..	..	37
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	6	..	..	..	33	..	3	4	..	..	24	..	..	..	7	..	1	1	..	4	..	24	6	..	..	..	..	62
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	23
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Glasgow B.	3	2	..	5	1	70	..	..	..	..	1	12	2	..	1	50	..	5	6	1	17	..	25	4	..	..	..	..	80
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	5	..	5	1	85	..	2	2	..	1	27	2	..	2	82	5	9	6	1	30	..	74	10	..	..	..	..	135
GRAND TOTAL	7	28	..	5	1	126	..	13	6	..	2	57	2	..	3	96	8	10	8	2	42	..	104	24	..	..	2	..	213

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 32

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 11, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 7, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 7th August 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	399	221	202	24	22	200	9.6	15	5	..	8	2	1	..	..	4	4	6	5	47	22	16	114	66	42	55.6	0.80	31.2	4,005
2. Edinburgh	467,000	130	123	120	24	5	101	11.3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	22	22	2	75	68	45	56.0	1.11	41.3	890
3. Aberdeen	186,800	70	62	39	11	..	28	7.8	1	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	4	1	12	65	42	54.1	1.11	34.6	493
4. Dundee	178,500	53	27	34	8	1	27	7.9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	4	..	21	69	45	56.1	1.12	35.4	373
5. Paisley	95,200	36	37	14	5	4	13	7.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	3	..	7	67	43	56.7	0.98	29.8	269
6. Greenock	77,500	33	13	23	8	2	17	11.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	2	1	10	65	46	56.0	0.98	34.8	323
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	24	12	8	2	2	8	5.9	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	572
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	17	11	12	5	..	7	7.2	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	185
9. Coatbridge	50,700	23	6	5	..	3	8	8.3	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	305
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	11	11	6	..	5	5.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	230
11. Clydebank	48,100	12	4	8	2	1	7	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	245
12. Ayr	43,200	15	8	14	5	1	10	12.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	229
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	16	2	14	3	5	16	19.3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	9	65	40	54.1	1.43	23.5	96
14. Perth	41,000	7	5	10	3	3	10	12.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	69	42	55.9	0.80	42.6	122
15. Hamilton	41,100	12	9	3	1	3	5	6.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	488
16. Falkirk	37,000	10	11	7	1	2	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	173
17. Airdrie	32,000	7	3	4	..	1	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	173
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug 11, 1956	2,593,200	877	565	528	108	55	475	9.6	26	14	1	22	6	1	..	1	5	5	19	8	106	69	24	289	69†	40†	55.6‡	1.04‡	34.2‡	
Aug 4, 1956	2,593,200	896	457	510	81	48	477	9.6	16	14	..	21	3	7	1	1	8	6	9	17	109	80	14	277	66†	41†	54.1‡	2.31‡	20.9‡	
Aug 13, 1955	2,587,900‖	805	479	486	80	53	459	9.2	28	13	1	16	3	1	..	..	12	8	16	11	95	76	19	275	74†	40†	58.2‡	0.25	51.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 18th August 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 18th August 1956, the births of 906 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 465 marriages and 519 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.4 and the death-rate 10.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.6 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.0 less than in the previous week, but 1.0 above the average. The death-rate is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 13.9 in Dunfermline and 12.7 in Hamilton and Falkirk to 7.6 in Clydebank and 6.5 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee and Kilmarnock 12.0 and in Edinburgh 11.9. In Glasgow the rate was 10.2.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week one death was registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 more than in the previous week, and the latter 4 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 33, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 21, being 1 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 327, and are 38 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 20, and are 4 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 14th August 1956, was 12,791. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 53.9° being 1.7° below that for the previous week, and 3.7° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.87 inches, and the mean sunshine 18.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 33 — **Week ended SATURDAY, August 18th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dundee B.	2	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	8
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	2	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	10

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	34
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	4	..	..	..	28	..	2	4	..	..	18	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	6	..	20	1	..	..	1	..	47
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	15
Airdrie B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Coatbridge B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	48
Glasgow B.	5	5	..	2	1	72	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	51	..	7	2	..	9	..	29	3	..	..	..	..	84
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
TOTAL	8	8	..	2	3	91	..	5	2	..	..	10	..	..	..	75	9	14	2	..	24	..	59	4	..	..	..	..	194
GRAND TOTAL	10	13	..	2	3	128	..	8	7	..	..	28	1	..	..	89	9	18	2	..	37	..	91	9	..	..	1	..	253

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 33

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 18, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 14, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 14th August 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	384	175	214	25	22	211	10.2	15	6	..	9	3	1	..	..	3	3	7	10	53	30	10	124	63	47	53.5	1.57	13.9	3,805
2. Edinburgh	467,000	136	77	112	19	13	106	11.9	3	1	2	4	1	1	..	..	3	3	5	1	23	15	5	71	68	45	53.6	1.97	18.1	948
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	67	41	32	7	3	28	7.8	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	1	19	62	45	52.0	1.17	21.7	499
4. Dundee .	178,500	73	25	41	5	5	41	12.0	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	12	7	2	30	66	46	54.1	1.34	22.0	625
5. Paisley .	95,200	36	7	25	7	1	19	10.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	4	..	10	66	48	54.7	2.16	15.3	239
6. Greenock .	77,500	19	17	12	2	3	13	8.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	9	62	48	54.3	2.50	19.0	364
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	30	12	8	1	5	12	8.9	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	491
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	12	8	6	2	4	8	8.2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	191
9. Coatbridge	50,700	19	9	9	..	2	11	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	285
10. Dunfermline	45,200	15	19	13	4	3	12	13.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	189
11. Clydebank	48,100	20	7	5	1	3	7	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	247
12. Ayr . .	43,200	11	8	15	9	3	9	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	169
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	24	3	9	4	5	10	12.0	..	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	62	44	54.4	2.84	17.0	147
14. Perth .	41,000	12	34	7	2	4	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	5	66	47	54.6	1.38	17.7	139
15. Hamilton .	41,100	20	6	5	1	6	10	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	460
16. Falkirk .	37,000	14	12	10	3	2	9	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	171
17. Airdrie .	32,000	14	5	1	..	3	4	6.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	168
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug 18, 1956 .	2,593,200	906	465	524	92	87	519	10.5	25	13	4	21	7	4	..	..	10	9	16	17	115	76	20	327	68†	44†	53.9‡	1.87‡	18.1‡	
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Aug 20, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	895	426	480	93	58	445	9.0	16	14	3	23	8	1	2	1	8	8	15	9	97	49	28	280	78†	42†	62.1‡	0.51	35.2‡	

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SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 25th August 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 25th August 1956, the births of 946 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 503 marriages and 533 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.1 and the death-rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 20 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.7 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.7 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 13.8 in Dundee and 12.7 in Falkirk to 7.3 in Aberdeen and 4.6 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley and Motherwell & Wishaw 12.6 and in Greenock 12.1. In Glasgow the rate was 10.7 and in Edinburgh 11.0.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal septicæmia.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 more than in the previous week, and the latter 3 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 29, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 27, being 6 more than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 328, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 21st August 1956, was 13,889. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 52.8° being 1.1° below that for the previous week, and 3.9° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.07 inches, and the mean sunshine 19.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 34 — **Week ended SATURDAY, August 25th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	1	2	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	2
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Arbroath B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	4	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	4	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	19

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Edinburgh B	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	18
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	28	..	2	1	..	..	12	..	..	3	3	1	3	..	..	2	..	15	4	..	..	1	..	..	46
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	29
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	4	8	..	..	2	77	..	4	..	..	..	11	1	..	..	63	..	6	8	1	18	..	28	6	..	..	..	..	..	90
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Falkirk B	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	12	..	..	2	87	..	7	..	..	..	18	1	..	2	91	4	12	8	1	32	..	59	12	..	..	..	..	..	158
GRAND TOTAL	11	18	..	..	2	121	..	11	1	..	1	33	11	..	5	106	7	18	8	2	41	..	97	19	..	..	1	..	..	226

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 25, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 21, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature °F. Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature °F. Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature °F. Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 21st August 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	422	209	234	27	15	222	10.7	13	2	3	11	1	2	..	..	5	5	11	7	49	30	15	137	63	43	52.8	1.12	14.1	4,044
2. Edinburgh	467,000	150	94	109	15	4	98	11.0	4	5	1	6	1	2	..	1	1	1	1	1	26	10	5	59	62	43	51.5	1.43	12.2	994
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	65	41	40	16	2	26	7.3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	7	1	16	58	38	50.1	0.25	19.2	539
4. Dundee .	178,500	61	34	45	4	6	47	13.8	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	11	12	3	29	61	45	52.8	1.68	19.3	602
5. Paisley .	95,200	44	11	26	6	3	23	12.6	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	2	8	..	15	64	45	54.3	0.70	13.9	261
6. Greenock .	77,500	24	12	22	4	..	18	12.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	13	64	47	53.8	0.78	22.0	382
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	29	13	16	..	1	17	12.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	479
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	14	11	13	5	3	11	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	228
9. Coatbridge	50,700	26	8	8	..	3	11	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	339
10. Dunfermline	45,200	14	12	6	2	..	4	4.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	229
11. Clydebank	48,100	15	6	8	3	3	8	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	279
12. Ayr . .	43,200	16	6	9	2	2	9	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	222
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	17	12	9	2	2	9	10.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	8	62	41	52.4	0.95	38.9	206
14. Perth .	41,000	14	15	11	3	1	9	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	6	69	43	54.5	1.67	13.5	114
15. Hamilton .	41,100	13	7	3	..	4	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	433
16. Falkirk .	37,000	7	8	8	..	1	9	12.7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	176
17. Airdrie .	32,000	15	1	3	..	2	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	198
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug 25, 1956 .	2,593,200	946	503	570	89	52	533	10.7	19	14	4	27	3	6	1	1	12	12	18	11	114	83	27	328	69†	38†	52.8‡	1.07‡	19.1‡	
Aug 18, 1956 .	2,593,200	906	465	524	92	87	519	10.5	25	13	4	21	7	4	..	..	10	9	16	17	115	76	20	327	68†	44†	53.9‡	1.87‡	18.1‡	
Aug 27, 1955 .	2,587,900	897	460	541	85	55	511	10.3	19	10	1	22	2	5	1	..	17	14	10	11	120	65	27	300	85†	46†	65.1‡	0.07	34.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
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WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 1st September 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 1st September 1956, the births of 867 living children, and of 16 stillborn children, 485 marriages and 511 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.8 and the death-rate 10.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 18 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.6 less than in the previous week, but 1.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.8 in Ayr and 14.7 in Airdrie to 5.6 in Falkirk and 5.5 in Paisley. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Perth 14.0 and in Kirkcaldy 13.3. In Glasgow the rate was 9.7 and in Edinburgh 11.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza. There was also 1 death from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 3, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 9 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 14, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.3 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 25, being 2 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 18 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 304, and are 24 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 24, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 28th August 1956, was 14,497. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 51.6° being 1.2° below that for the previous week, and 4.4° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.54 inch, and the mean sunshine 36.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 35 — **Week ended SATURDAY, September 1st, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
Northern Region.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
North-Eastern Region.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	1	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	13	5	..	..	1	..	1
Eastern Region.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	4	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	18
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	4	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	14	..	..	..	1	7	..	5	2	..	..	1	..	18

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	1	..	5
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	2	..	13	2	..	..	1	..	5
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	28	..	3	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	7	..	4	..	1	3	..	21	6	..	..	2	..	67
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	7
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bute C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	14
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	19
Glasgow B.	5	40	..	3	2	96	..	2	..	..	..	25	1	..	..	60	..	4	5	2	18	..	30	4	..	..	..	..	168
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	9	42	..	3	2	120	..	5	2	..	..	36	1	..	2	97	4	5	5	5	44	..	60	5	..	..	..	..	259
GRAND TOTAL	13	50	..	4	2	152	..	10	2	..	..	53	5	..	2	124	5	11	5	7	57	..	102	18	..	..	4	..	345

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 35

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 1, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 28, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 28th August 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	354	185	218	30	14	202	9.7	8	10	1	12	3	3	..	1	2	2	3	1	48	33	10	109	63	37	51.5	0.62	40.5	4,228
2. Edinburgh	467,000	145	110	104	13	8	99	11.1	2	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	26	13	3	61	62	40	51.0	1.86	42.3	1,043
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	66	41	48	14	2	36	10.1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	7	9	3	24	59	41	50.4	0.15	35.6	547
4. Dundee .	178,500	61	39	43	6	4	41	12.0	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	8	2	28	63	39	51.3	0.32	27.6	607
5. Paisley .	95,200	26	10	14	4	..	10	5.5	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	6	65	38	53.2	0.33	36.3	433
6. Greenock .	77,500	36	16	16	..	..	16	10.8	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	10	62	41	52.9	0.25	40.4	426
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	26	6	10	1	8	17	12.6	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	..	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	491
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	11	7	14	3	2	13	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	215
9. Coatbridge	50,700	19	6	5	1	4	8	8.3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	282
10. Dunfermline	45,200	18	12	10	4	1	7	8.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	219
11. Clydebank	48,100	20	6	8	3	2	7	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	324
12. Ayr . .	43,200	20	5	14	3	2	13	15.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	211
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	18	5	9	1	..	8	9.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	3	64	38	51.8	0.27	44.4	209
14. Perth .	41,000	13	15	13	3	1	11	14.0	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	63	35	50.4	0.49	27.2	94
15. Hamilton .	41,100	11	10	8	1	3	10	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	487
16. Falkirk .	37,000	9	7	6	3	1	4	5.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	213
17. Airdrie .	32,000	14	5	9	3	3	9	14.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	183
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept 1, 1956 .	2,593,200	867	485	549	93	55	511	10.3	16	18	3	25	4	9	..	2	3	3	10	4	117	82	24	304	65†	35†	51.6‡	0.54‡	36.8‡	
Aug 25, 1956 .	2,593,200	946	503	570	89	52	533	10.7	19	14	4	27	3	6	1	1	12	12	18	11	114	83	27	328	69†	38†	52.8‡	1.07‡	19.1‡	
Sept 3, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	807	544	505	111	52	446	9.0	31	20	2	28	8	5	2	1	4	4	6	10	103	62	21	271	72†	41†	58.9‡	0.64‡	20.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 8th September 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 8th September 1956, the births of 876 living children, and of 29 stillborn children, 638 marriages and 512 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.9 and the death-rate 10.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 32 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.1 more than in the previous week, and 1.5 above the average. The death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.3 in Paisley and Kirkcaldy and 12.7 in Hamilton to 6.9 in Dunfermline and 4.9 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 12.1 and in Falkirk 11.3. In Glasgow the rate was 11.0 and in Edinburgh 8.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 10 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 8 more than in the previous week, and the latter 7 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 18, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 25, being the same as in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and none were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 302, and are 2 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 20, and are 4 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 4th September 1956, was 15,249. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 55.2° being 3.6° above that for the previous week, but 0.5° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 2.28 inches, and the mean sunshine 16.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 36 **Week ended SATURDAY, September 8th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	1	1	..	7	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dundee B.	1	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	13
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	3	..	15	3	..	..	1	..	17

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Midlothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1
Edinburgh B	1	..	..	..	..	31	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	5	..	7	..	..	2	..	16	3	..	..	..	..	28
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	41	..	2	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	..	15	..	21	5	..	..	2	..	48
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	11	..	1	..	..	5	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	25
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	6
Glasgow B.	9	45	..	1	2	89	..	4	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	71	..	2	..	1	19	..	34	6	..	..	..	..	182
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	10	48	..	1	10	97	..	8	..	..	1	48	..	..	1	107	8	6	1	1	42	..	77	7	1	..	..	..	263
GRAND TOTAL	15	50	..	1	10	146	..	11	1	..	1	63	5	..	1	126	10	15	2	1	72	..	116	16	1	..	3	..	336

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 8, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 4, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	7-27 days	Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Congenital Malformations	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Tuberculosis: All Forms	Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Pneumonia	Other Respiratory Diseases	Malignant Neoplasms	Coronary Thrombosis	Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Absolute Lowest	Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 4th Sept. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	387	262	234	32	27	229	11.0	12	6	..	12	..	4	..	1	8	8	6	7	44	30	11	124	67	47	55.3	2.09	15.4	4,616
2. Edinburgh	467,000	141	112	94	21	6	79	8.8	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	20	17	2	51	67	48	54.1	2.94	13.1	1,116
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	54	49	52	16	1	37	10.4	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	9	..	28	61	44	53.7	3.45	18.5	559
4. Dundee .	178,500	44	43	34	3	7	38	11.1	3	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	7	..	18	67	47	55.2	3.10	17.7	648
5. Paisley .	95,200	36	29	20	4	10	26	14.3	2	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	2	17	68	49	56.2	1.89	17.7	358
6. Greenock .	77,500	33	18	13	1	..	12	8.1	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	7	65	47	55.7	1.74	19.2	454
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	26	15	8	1	4	11	8.2	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	524
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	14	13	19	6	1	14	14.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	231
9. Coatbridge	50,700	21	6	5	..	3	8	8.3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	266
10. Dunfermline	45,200	14	13	8	3	1	6	6.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	221
11. Clydebank	48,100	21	9	11	7	3	7	7.6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	340
12. Ayr . .	43,200	15	17	12	5	3	10	12.1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	234
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	21	4	12	6	1	7	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	65	46	54.7	0.80	21.9	188
14. Perth .	41,000	13	13	11	4	..	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	5	68	47	56.3	2.34	10.0	141
15. Hamilton .	41,100	11	14	9	1	2	10	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	480
16. Falkirk .	37,000	7	11	11	3	..	8	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	231
17. Airdrie .	32,000	18	10	3	2	2	3	4.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	192
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
Sept 8, 1956 .	2,593,200	876	638	556	115	71	512	10.3	29	15	..	25	2	9	..	1	11	10	9	9	106	79	20	302	68†	44†	55.2‡	2.28‡	16.7‡	
Sept 1, 1956 .	2,593,200	867	485	549	93	55	511	10.3	16	18	3	25	4	9	..	2	3	3	10	4	117	82	24	304	65†	35†	51.6‡	0.54‡	36.8‡	
Sept 10, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	856	587	518	99	52	471	9.5	25	22	..	27	4	3	1	..	11	8	9	7	108	64	24	265	79†	42†	59.5‡	0.96‡	37.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 37

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 15th September 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 15th September 1956, the births of 845 living children, and of 18 stillborn children, 607 marriages and 527 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.2 and the death-rate 10.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.7 less than in the previous week, but 1.9 above the average. The death-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.1 in Falkirk and 13.5 in Greenock to 8.3 in Coatbridge and 5.1 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Clydebank 13.0 and in Dundee 11.7. In Glasgow the rate was 10.7 and in Edinburgh 10.1.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there was 1 death registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, but the latter are the same.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 45, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 22, being 3 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 11 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 327, and are 25 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 11th September 1956, was 16,777. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 54.5° being 0.7° below that for the previous week, but 0.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.56 inch, and the mean sunshine 21.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 37 **Week ended SATURDAY, September 15th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	9	1	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	14
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	10	1	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	6	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	15

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	77	..	..	3	..	..	18	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	12	..	14	3	..	..	1	..	..	67
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	1	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glasgow B.	9	44	..	3	4	85	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	71	..	2	3	1	25	..	27	4	..	..	..	..	..	104
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
TOTAL	11	50	..	3	4	103	..	6	1	..	..	48	..	..	1	100	7	6	3	1	43	..	65	6	..	..	..	..	..	174
GRAND TOTAL	21	56	..	3	4	202	..	8	4	..	..	68	2	..	2	115	7	9	3	2	70	..	92	13	1	..	1	..	..	256

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 15, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 11, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 11th Sept. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	404	243	249	32	5	222	10.7	9	7	..	10	..	3	..	..	3	3	5	16	54	27	8	137	65	41	54.4	0.75	20.7	5,030
2. Edinburgh	467,000	124	124	106	19	3	90	10.1	2	3	..	4	1	1	..	..	1	1	4	3	21	12	5	62	64	45	54.0	0.36	21.0	1,404
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	53	48	39	7	5	37	10.4	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	1	1	2	2	5	12	2	22	69	39	52.9	0.38	30.4	584
4. Dundee .	178,500	67	42	46	10	4	40	11.7	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	3	..	9	7	3	28	64	44	54.6	0.35	18.3	710
5. Paisley .	95,200	21	22	23	4	2	21	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	5	4	2	10	67	42	55.4	0.59	21.2	429
6. Greenock .	77,500	19	15	21	1	..	20	13.5	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	4	3	..	11	64	45	55.1	0.89	23.1	339
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	21	13	15	3	3	15	11.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	626
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	17	11	8	2	3	9	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	260
9. Coatbridge	50,700	29	6	6	1	3	8	8.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	338
10. Dunfermline	45,200	8	5	11	5	2	8	9.2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	251
11. Clydebank	48,100	11	10	9	1	4	12	13.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	364
12. Ayr . .	43,200	10	18	10	5	3	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	250
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	12	7	1	2	8	9.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	3	63	42	54.8	0.89	20.1	262
14. Perth .	41,000	9	7	11	5	2	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	6	65	35	54.9	0.30	20.6	179
15. Hamilton .	41,100	13	9	3	..	1	4	5.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	489
16. Falkirk .	37,000	12	13	8	2	4	10	14.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	210
17. Airdrie .	32,000	14	9	6	..	1	7	11.4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	158
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept 15, 1956 .	2,593,200	845	607	578	98	47	527	10.6	18	11	1	22	1	6	2	..	10	10	18	27	120	81	27	327	69†	35†	54.5‡	0.56‡	21.9‡	
Sept 8, 1956 .	2,593,200	876	638	556	115	71	512	10.3	29	15	..	25	2	9	..	1	11	10	9	9	106	79	20	302	68†	44†	55.2‡	2.28‡	16.7‡	
Sept 17, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	847	534	495	85	61	471	9.5	17	18	2	34	3	7	1	1	9	8	6	14	88	74	30	261	66†	37†	52.8‡	0.59‡	37.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 38

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

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Week ended Saturday, 22nd September 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 22nd September 1956, the births of 900 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 607 marriages and 532 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.2 and the death-rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.1 more than in the previous week, and 1.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.2 in Ayr and 14.2 in Greenock to 8.2 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 6.4 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 13.9 and in Coatbridge 13.4. In Glasgow and Edinburgh the rate was 10.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 2 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from measles, and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 5, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 5 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 42, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 35, being 13 more than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 327, and are the same as in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 23, and are 4 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 18th September 1956, was 15,772. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 56.0° being 1.5° above that for the previous week, and 3.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.50 inch, and the mean sunshine 22.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 38 **Week ended SATURDAY, September 22nd, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	12
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	14

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	12
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	35	..	1	..	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	34
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	52	..	4	1	..	1	13	1	..	..	13	..	2	..	..	11	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	57
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	3	14	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	3	..	10	3	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	5	27	..	4	..	59	..	4	..	..	2	41	..	..	..	62	..	..	4	..	22	..	48	2	..	..	1	..	74
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	35	..	4	3	82	..	7	1	..	6	50	..	..	1	105	8	3	5	1	49	..	75	8	..	..	1	..	129
GRAND TOTAL	10	42	..	4	3	151	..	12	2	..	7	70	1	..	2	134	9	6	6	1	75	..	101	10	..	..	1	..	204

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 38

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 22, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 18, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 18th Sept. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	392	263	235	37	15	213	10.3	10	9	..	20	5	6	1	..	2	2	13	8	39	26	4	123	69	41	56.1	0.93	21.3	4,651
2. Edinburgh	467,000	140	125	103	17	6	92	10.3	4	..	..	..		..	..	2	..	..	1	3	18	22	7	62	66	45	56.1	0.01	27.1	1,132
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	55	50	48	9	2	41	11.5	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	7	3	27	65	42	54.0	0.82	25.1	596
4. Dundee .	178,500	69	28	37	5	4	36	10.5	1	3	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	10	4	..	23	63	40	54.7	0.16	20.0	606
5. Paisley .	95,200	36	17	25	6	3	22	12.1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	2	14	70	41	57.5	0.74	20.8	373
6. Greenock .	77,500	38	8	22	2	1	21	14.2	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	13	68	45	56.9	0.63	21.4	432
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	34	20	10	2	3	11	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	2	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	571
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	9	11	10	4	5	11	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	256
9. Coatbridge	50,700	23	15	8	..	5	13	13.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	319
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	6	14	3	1	12	13.9	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	247
11. Clydebank	48,100	28	3	6	2	4	8	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	338
12. Ayr .	43,200	5	9	15	3	3	15	18.2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	229
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	20	20	8	2	2	8	9.6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	6	71	41	57.0	0.61	19.9	235
14. Perth .	41,000	10	7	12	6	3	9	11.5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	6	65	39	55.5	0.11	21.1	159
15. Hamilton .	41,100	9	13	4	1	2	5	6.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	531
16. Falkirk .	37,000	10	8	12	5	..	7	9.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	223
17. Airdrie .	32,000	9	4	6	..	2	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	198
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept 22, 1956 .	2,593,200	900	607	575	104	61	532	10.7	22	17	2	35	5	9	1	2	5	5	22	20	96	73	23	327	71†	39†	56.0‡	0.50‡	22.1‡	
Sept 15, 1956 .	2,593,200	845	607	578	98	47	527	10.6	18	11	1	22	1	6	2	..	10	10	18	27	120	81	27	327	69†	35†	54.5‡	0.56‡	21.9‡	
Sept 24, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	835	681	543	96	43	490	9.9	22	9	3	22	3	2	2	2	10	9	12	6	114	70	22	295	69†	44†	57.0‡	0.46‡	29.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 39

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 29th September 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 29th September 1956, the births of 934 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 614 marriages and 538 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.4 and the death-rate 10.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 1.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average. The death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.3 in Hamilton and 15.0 in Dunfermline to 5.6 in Falkirk and 3.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 13.4 and in Dundee 12.9. In Glasgow the rate was 10.9 and in Edinburgh 11.5.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were 2 deaths registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 more than in the previous week, and the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 21, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 34, being 1 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 23 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 329, and are 2 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 30, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 25th September 1956, was 15,055. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 55.7° being 0.3° below that for the previous week, but 3.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.13 inches, and the mean sunshine 11.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 39 — **Week ended SATURDAY, September 29th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
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Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Dundee B.	5	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1
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TOTAL	5	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	5	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	11

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	14	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	2	16	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	27	..	3	24	2	..	..	18	..	..	2	12	1	5	..	..	9	..	19	3	..	..	..	..	..	44
WESTERN REGION.—																															
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	7	..	..	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	13	..	2	1	..	9	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glasgow B.	8	48	..	6	1	113	..	3	17	..	..	..	70	1	..	..	88	..	1	6	1	24	..	28	1	..	..	..	..	..	71
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	62	..	6	2	131	..	4	23	1	..	..	85	1	..	1	139	4	7	7	1	57	..	63	3	..	..	..	..	..	136
GRAND TOTAL	13	71	..	6	2	169	..	9	50	3	..	..	108	9	..	3	161	5	15	8	1	86	..	92	11	..	..	..	..	..	191

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 29, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 25, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 25th Sept. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	404	270	234	29	22	227	10.9	4	10	1	18	1	2	..	..	6	6	6	9	43	26	13	131	64	46	55.7	1.23	7.3	3,840
2. Edinburgh	467,000	146	95	115	18	6	103	11.5	7	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	28	5	71	64	46	55.0	0.30	18.1	1,301
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	56	55	36	12	3	27	7.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	3	2	18	64	42	54.0	0.75	12.3	533
4. Dundee .	178,500	75	40	40	4	8	44	12.9	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	10	3	2	26	62	42	54.6	0.79	10.9	577
5. Paisley .	95,200	37	21	20	2	1	19	10.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	14	66	49	56.7	1.74	9.0	421
6. Greenock .	77,500	34	17	21	4	..	17	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	3	8	64	48	56.8	1.47	10.4	425
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	31	18	12	3	9	18	13.4	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	541
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	18	10	3	..	..	3	3.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	278
9. Coatbridge	50,700	30	14	4	1	7	10	10.3	2	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	292
10. Dunfermline	45,200	15	8	12	2	3	13	15.0	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	250
11. Clydebank	48,100	15	5	7	2	3	8	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	275
12. Ayr . .	43,200	13	11	11	3	2	10	12.1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	229
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	7	9	14	7	1	8	9.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	6	71	47	58.1	1.21	20.6	274
14. Perth .	41,000	16	9	14	5	..	9	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	6	60	42	54.9	1.51	6.9	148
15. Hamilton .	41,100	13	15	7	1	6	12	15.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	506
16. Falkirk .	37,000	12	5	6	2	..	4	5.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	275
17. Airdrie .	32,000	12	12	4	2	4	6	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	160
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept 29, 1956 .	2,593,200	934	614	560	97	75	538	10.8	21	23	1	34	2	3	2	..	7	7	11	11	113	74	30	329	71†	42†	55.7‡	1.13‡	11.9‡	
Sept 22, 1956 .	2,593,200	900	607	575	104	61	532	10.7	22	17	2	35	5	9	1	2	5	5	22	20	96	73	23	327	71†	39†	56.0‡	0.50‡	22.1‡	
Oct 1, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	867	697	541	91	62	512	10.3	20	11	1	22	3	7	2	2	8	8	15	17	117	69	22	301	74†	40†	54.6‡	0.37‡	26.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 40

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 6th October 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 6th October 1956, the births of 959 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 572 marriages and 499 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 11.5 and the death-rate 10.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.5 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.9 less than in the previous week, but 2.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.7 less than in the previous week, and 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.8 in Hamilton and 13.1 in Airdrie to 5.9 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 3.6 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Aberdeen 12.3 and Falkirk 11.3. In Glasgow the rate was 10.5 and in Edinburgh 10.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from whooping cough.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 8 more than in the previous week, and the latter 8 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 27, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 19 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 298, and are 31 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are 8 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 2nd October 1956, was 16,015. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.3° being 7.4° below that for the previous week, and 3.0° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.53 inch, and the mean sunshine 25.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 40 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 6th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
NORTHERN REGION.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	3
EASTERN REGION.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	4	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
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TOTAL	4	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	11

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	2	9	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	4	11	..	..	..	22	..	..	1	7	..	3	..	..	10	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
WESTERN REGION.—																															
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	3	..	..	3	8	..	2	4	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	3	52	..	2	3	128	..	4	1	..	..	..	143	2	..	..	75	..	1	4	..	20	..	21	5	..	..	..	..	..	76
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	61	..	2	6	161	..	7	20	..	..	..	158	4	..	..	103	7	11	4	4	39	..	49	8	..	..	..	..	..	159
GRAND TOTAL	8	72	..	2	6	201	..	12	34	..	..	..	185	10	..	1	125	7	26	4	4	67	..	85	10	..	..	..	..	..	224

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 40

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 6, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 2, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 2nd Oct. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	411	268	232	34	20	218	10.5	11	9	..	14	2	3	..	..	7	7	10	5	45	31	10	135	57	36	47.7	0.71	21·8	4,536
2. Edinburgh	467,000	168	93	104	10	2	96	10.7	..	3	1	4	..	2	..	..	2	2	1	4	17	19	7	58	61	38	48.0	0.38	36.8	1,396
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	57	39	55	13	2	44	12.3	4	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	3	3	2	1	7	7	3	27	61	37	46.4	0.41	26.2	655
4. Dundee .	178,500	45	49	36	6	4	34	10.0	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	11	6	..	20	61	37	47.6	0.11	25.8	521
5. Paisley .	95,200	40	9	17	3	2	16	8.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	8	58	39	49.1	0.60	22.8	385
6. Greenock .	77,500	29	7	16	6	2	12	8.1	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	7	58	40	49.9	0.72	19.3	419
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	41	15	6	2	4	8	5.9	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	563
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	15	9	6	..	..	6	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	270
9. Coatbridge	50,700	22	7	5	..	1	6	6.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	366
10. Dunfermline	45,200	19	9	8	3	1	6	6.9	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	271
11. Clydebank	48,100	23	12	5	1	2	6	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	330
12. Ayr . .	43,200	17	16	8	1	1	8	9.7	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	256
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	17	5	7	4	..	3	3.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	58	37	49.3	1.10	24.9	216
14. Perth .	41,000	11	17	11	6	1	6	7.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	5	59	38	48.0	0.17	27.1	119
15. Hamilton .	41,100	20	5	9	..	5	14	17.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	570
16. Falkirk .	37,000	6	5	11	3	..	8	11.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	249
17. Airdrie .	32,000	18	7	5	..	3	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	172
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct 6, 1956 .	2,593,200	959	572	541	92	50	499	10.1	21	19	2	29	5	6	..	1	15	15	15	12	102	76	22	298	61†	36†	48.3‡	0.53‡	25.6‡	
Sept 29, 1956 .	2,593,200	934	614	560	97	75	538	10.8	21	23	1	34	2	3	2	..	7	7	11	11	113	74	30	329	71†	42†	55.7‡	1.13‡	11.9‡	
Oct 8, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	928	488	544	114	58	488	9.8	24	9	2	18	2	4	..	1	8	7	7	13	103	82	27	298	64†	32†	48.8‡	0.80‡	16.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 41

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 13th October 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 13th October 1956, the births of 947 living children, and of 18 stillborn children, 402 marriages and 546 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.1 and the death-rate 11.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 19 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 1.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.4 less than in the previous week, but 1.6 above the average. The death-rate is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 0.5 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.5 in Kilmarnock and 13.4 in Aberdeen to 7.6 in Clydebank and 7.4 in Motherwell & Wishaw. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Falkirk 12.7 and in Paisley 12.6. In Glasgow the rate was 11.1 and in Edinburgh 10.6.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there was 1 death registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 7 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 31, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 30, being 1 more than in the previous week. Of these, 25 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 340, and are 42 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 17, and are 5 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 9th October 1956, was 15,804. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 51.5° being 3.2° above that for the previous week, and 2.5° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.08 inch, and the mean sunshine 14.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 41 **Week ended SATURDAY, October 13th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
NORTHERN REGION.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Aberdeen C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
EASTERN REGION.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
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TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	10

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	2	..	17	2	..	..	..	..	40
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	3	4	..	..	..	47	1	..	..	7	1	2	..	3	7	..	20	4	..	..	..	..	48
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	1	6	..	1	..	12	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	11	..	3	..	..	9	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	36
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coatbridge B.	9	54	..	4	..	130	..	3	1	..	..	..	101	..	..	1	71	..	3	5	..	23	..	31	4	..	..	..	..	66
Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	12
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	67	..	5	1	155	..	5	9	..	..	..	113	..	..	1	103	4	9	5	4	52	..	73	10	..	..	1	..	153
GRAND TOTAL	13	69	..	5	1	201	..	9	15	1	..	..	160	7	..	1	116	9	16	5	8	86	..	95	14	..	..	1	..	222

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 13, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 9, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 9th Oct. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	432	147	245	26	12	231	11.1	8	12	1	13	4	1	..	..	3	3	8	4	59	35	6	134	61	40	50.6	0.10	6·6	4,364
2. Edinburgh	467,000	137	75	107	18	6	95	10.6	7	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	2	2	1	2	23	21	5	65	62	43	52.3	0.06	18.3	1,328
3. Aberdeen	186,800	69	38	59	12	1	48	13.4	1	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	9	2	31	63	40	51.1	0.10	28.6	659
4. Dundee	178,500	92	42	48	7	..	41	12.0	..	4	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	9	10	2	25	62	41	51.6	0.02	20.5	658
5. Paisley	95,200	26	17	28	7	2	23	12.6	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	19	61	40	52.0	0.07	6.3	375
6. Greenock	77,500	31	7	15	..	..	15	10.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	2	..	9	59	44	51.4	0.14	7.0	394
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	16	10	9	1	2	10	7.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	524
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	17	7	10	4	2	8	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	295
9. Coatbridge	50,700	15	6	6	2	7	11	11.4	1	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	381
10. Dunfermline	45,200	18	7	8	2	2	8	9.2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	263
11. Clydebank	48,100	18	2	8	4	3	7	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	306
12. Ayr	43,200	12	14	10	2	..	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	228
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	19	7	9	..	3	12	14.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	..	6	60	40	51.0	0.10	11.6	239
14. Perth	41,000	11	9	7	5	6	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	7	62	35	51.6	0.01	19.4	123
15. Hamilton	41,100	17	6	6	1	2	7	8.9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	502
16. Falkirk	37,000	12	3	11	3	1	9	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	245
17. Airdrie	32,000	5	5	6	1	..	5	8.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	183
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct 13, 1956	2,593,200	947	462	592	95	49	546	11.0	18	25	2	30	10	4	..	..	8	8	11	20	126	94	17	340	63†	35†	51.5‡	0.08‡	14.8‡	
Oct 6, 1956	2,593,200	959	572	541	92	50	499	10.1	21	19	2	29	5	6	..	1	15	15	15	12	102	76	22	298	61†	36†	48.3‡	0.53‡	25.6‡	
Oct 15, 1955	2,587,900‖	975	326	595	112	63	546	11.0	21	14	2	29	3	6	2	..	6	5	13	14	110	81	34	324	68†	34†	54.9‡	0.30‡	17.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

THE ROYAL SOCIETY for the Promotion OF HEALTH LIBRARY

Week ended Saturday, 20th October 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 20th October 1956, the births of 932 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 263 marriages and 531 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.3 and the death-rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 20 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 1.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.8 less than in the previous week, and 0.6 below the average. The death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.6 in Perth and 16.5 in Hamilton to 7.8 in Aberdeen and 7.6 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 14.9 and in Kilmarnock 13.3. In Glasgow the rate was 11.0 and in Edinburgh 10.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal septicæmia.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 22, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.4 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 23, being 7 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 12 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 322, and are 18 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 23, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 16th October 1956, was 15,683. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 51.1° being 0.4° below that for the previous week, but 3.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.11 inches, and the mean sunshine 22.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 42 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 20th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	14	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	7
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	1	..	..	6	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	9
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	5	4	..	..	..	7	..	2	2	..	..	..	10	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	3	..	4	1	..	..	1	..	13
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	5	4	..	..	..	8	..	3	2	..	..	..	10	5	..	1	7	..	..	..	2	5	..	7	3	..	..	2	..	16

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	.	..	..	..	4
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	29	..	3	8	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	3
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	14	1	..	..	..	53
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	41	..	4	10	2	..	..	32	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	6	..	20	2	..	..	1	..	80
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	12
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	9	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	25
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	9	42	..	4	3	120	..	2	6	..	..	..	108	..	..	1	61	..	5	5	3	26	..	36	5	..	..	..	..	53
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	14	51	..	4	4	176	..	4	8	..	..	..	131	..	..	2	96	6	9	7	3	59	..	80	9	..	..	..	..	127
GRAND TOTAL	20	55	..	4	4	234	..	11	20	4	..	1	173	5	..	4	120	9	11	7	5	90	..	116	15	..	..	3	..	236

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 42

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 20, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 16, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 16th Oct. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	399	109	238	33	24	229	11.0	9	10	1	15	2	4	..	1	5	5	3	11	51	28	9	129	60	40	50.9	1.27	21·9	4,567
2. Edinburgh	467,000	121	46	108	23	5	90	10.1	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	16	18	5	59	59	42	52.0	0.60	29.3	1,243
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	71	22	37	10	1	28	7.8	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	3	2	19	62	40	50.3	1.10	32.2	607
4. Dundee .	178,500	60	21	46	9	3	40	11.7	..	1	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	8	4	..	28	61	40	49.6	0.64	21.7	661
5. Paisley .	95,200	45	5	22	6	1	17	9.3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	8	62	39	52.4	1.58	17.8	450
6. Greenock .	77,500	41	7	13	2	2	13	8.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	10	58	45	51.9	1.09	16.7	410
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	7	18	3	5	20	14.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	1	14	..	..	..	..	..	517
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	20	4	11	4	3	10	10.2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	224
9. Coatbridge	50,700	26	2	6	..	5	11	11.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	412
10. Dunfermline	45,200	7	7	11	4	2	9	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	250
11. Clydebank	48,100	29	1	7	2	2	7	7.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	282
12. Ayr . .	43,200	7	5	10	2	1	9	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	229
13. Kilmarnock	43.400	16	5	13	4	2	11	13.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	7	61	44	52.4	1.43	21.5	198
14. Perth .	41,000	11	10	15	3	1	13	16.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	2	10	62	36	49.5	1.13	20.9	138
15. Hamilton .	41,100	25	4	5	..	8	13	16.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	478
16. Falkirk .	37,000	18	4	9	3	..	6	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	232
17. Airdrie .	32,000	11	4	1	..	4	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	156
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct 20, 1956 .	2,593,200	932	263	570	108	69	531	10.7	19	12	1	23	3	7	2	1	9	9	5	17	119	71	23	322	62†	36†	51.1‡	1.11‡	22.8‡	
Oct 13, 1956 .	2,593,200	947	402	592	95	49	546	11.0	18	25	2	30	10	4	..	..	8	8	11	20	126	94	17	340	63†	35†	51.5‡	0.08‡	14.8‡	
Oct 22, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	935	348	530	92	62	500	10.1	13	14	2	24	7	4	1	1	6	6	13	23	104	84	19	301	56†	25†	42.3‡	0.96‡	33.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 43

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 27th October 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 27th October 1956, the births of 911 living children, and of 39 stillborn children, 374 marriages and 525 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.4 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 7.5 and the death-rate 10.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 41 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.4 less than in the previous week, but 1.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.1 in Perth and 14.0 in Hamilton to 5.4 in Clydebank and 4.2 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee 13.2 and in Airdrie 13.1. In Glasgow the rate was 11.0 and in Edinburgh 10.6.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 1 death was registered from these causes. There was, however, 1 death from dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, but the latter are the same.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 32, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 39, being 16 more than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 294, and are 28 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 33, and are 10 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 23rd October 1956, was 16,654. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 47.0° being 4.1° below that for the previous week, but 1.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.93 inch, and the mean sunshine 20.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 43 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 27th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	21
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	20	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	21
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	5	1	1	..	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dundee B.	2	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	23
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	7	..	..	..	1	7	..	6	1	1	..	..	..	34

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	4	13	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	8	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	35
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	5	18	1	..	..	31	..	..	..	10	1	2	..	1	17	..	20	2	..	..	..	..	69
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	31
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	12	..	..	1	17	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	11	..	11	2	..	..	..	..	17
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Glasgow B.	5	51	..	3	2	108	..	4	11	..	..	..	154	..	..	..	79	..	2	4	1	17	..	26	4	1	..	..	..	87
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rutherglen B.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	70	..	3	3	182	..	5	15	..	..	..	181	1	..	2	111	10	4	5	4	47	..	58	9	2	..	..	..	196
GRAND TOTAL	9	71	..	3	3	220	..	13	34	1	..	..	219	3	..	4	136	13	7	5	6	97	..	93	12	3	..	..	..	321

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 27, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 23, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 23rd Oct. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	412	163	232	30	26	228	11.0	19	4	2	17	..	2	3	..	5	5	10	9	46	31	12	130	56	30	46.9	1.01	14.5	4,729
2. Edinburgh	467,000	130	59	103	18	10	95	10.6	4	2	1	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	4	25	14	9	52	58	35	46.8	0.62	22.3	1,364
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	62	26	48	14	1	35	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	3	1	24	61	32	46.0	0.91	29.5	631
4. Dundee .	178,500	54	28	47	3	1	45	13.2	4	2	..	6	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	2	8	5	3	25	60	28	46.1	0.42	26.9	630
5. Paisley .	95,200	27	13	20	10	1	11	6.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	8	58	33	47.6	0.99	14.4	427
6. Greenock .	77,500	31	9	11	1	1	11	7.4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	5	58	37	48.3	1.71	12.6	440
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	33	11	15	3	4	16	11.9	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	525
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	23	7	9	2	1	8	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	268
9. Coatbridge	50,700	26	6	5	..	6	11	11.4	2	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	373
10. Dunfermline	45,200	17	10	7	1	1	7	8.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	318
11. Clydebank	48,100	18	3	3	1	3	5	5.4	2	2	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	339
12. Ayr . .	43,200	18	12	7	3	3	7	8.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	241
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	21	8	7	..	2	9	10.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	57	30	47.5	0.93	15.9	257
14. Perth .	41,000	11	4	14	2	3	15	19.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	11	60	26	46.9	0.88	28.4	151
15. Hamilton .	41,100	10	8	6	..	5	11	14.0	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	3	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	611
16. Falkirk .	37,000	8	5	4	2	1	3	4.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	241
17. Airdrie .	32,000	10	2	5	..	3	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	175
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct 27, 1956 .	2,593,200	911	374	543	90	72	525	10.6	39	15	4	39	6	7	5	..	10	9	15	17	117	69	33	294	61†	26†	47.0‡	0.93‡	20.6‡	
Oct 20, 1956 .	2,593,200	932	263	570	108	69	531	10.7	19	12	1	23	3	7	2	1	9	9	5	17	119	71	23	322	62†	36†	51.1‡	1.11‡	22.8‡	
Oct 29, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	858	338	582	92	43	533	10.7	23	8	1	13	3	4	..	..	14	12	14	22	101	94	25	325	58†	26†	42.8‡	0.62‡	22.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 3rd November 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 3rd November 1956, the births of 854 living children, and of 33 stillborn children, 412 marriages and 569 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.3 and the death-rate 11.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 37 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.5 above the average. The death-rate is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.5 in Hamilton and 13.3 in Kilmarnock to 6.5 in Clydebank and 6.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 13.2 and in Motherwell & Wishaw 12.6. In Glasgow and in Edinburgh the rate was 11.6.

As in the previous week there were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 10 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 40, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 30, being 9 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 348, and are 54 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 29, and are 4 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 30th October 1956, was 16,958. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 41.8° being 5.2° below that for the previous week, and 3.3° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.09 inch, and the mean sunshine 25.5 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 44 — **Week ended SATURDAY, November 3rd, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
NORTHERN REGION.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	3	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	17
EASTERN REGION.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	2	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	23
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	2	..	..	..	19	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	23

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	13	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	3	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	21	..	1	14	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	2	11	..	30	1	..	..	1	..	4
WESTERN REGION.—																														96
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Clackmannan C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	6
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	1	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	5	..	..	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glasgow B.	9	49	..	4	2	117	..	6	5	..	..	1	173	1	..	1	91	..	..	6	3	16	..	30	2	..	..	..	..	8
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	87
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	4
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Port-Glasgow B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	13	59	..	4	3	215	..	8	25	1	..	1	192	1	..	1	128	14	7	6	4	53	..	72	7	..	..	..	..	219
GRAND TOTAL	17	62	..	4	3	256	..	12	42	1	..	2	238	6	..	1	141	15	10	6	7	87	..	108	8	2	..	3	..	359

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 3, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 30, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 30th Oct. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	356	170	263	30	8	241	11.6	16	8	1	17	..	4	1	..	6	6	7	17	50	36	12	138	52	29	39.9	0.05	29.4	4,886
2. Edinburgh	467,000	117	68	118	20	6	104	11.6	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	26	19	6	76	53	34	42.1	0.11	16.4	1,332
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	55	28	49	11	..	38	10.6	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	13	1	23	51	30	41.8	0.43	16.8	648
4. Dundee .	178,500	68	26	39	2	5	42	12.3	3	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	6	4	3	26	53	30	41.9	0.04	19.0	696
5. Paisley .	95,200	45	16	28	5	1	24	13.2	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	1	3	17	55	32	42.9	0.01	24.4	401
6. Greenock .	77,500	32	10	19	2	1	18	12.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	10	54	34	43.3	0.06	29.4	438
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	29	8	12	3	8	17	12.6	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	445
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	13	10	5	2	3	6	6.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	277
9. Coatbridge	50,700	32	8	8	..	3	11	11.4	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	356
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	10	9	2	1	8	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	275
11. Clydebank	48,100	17	10	8	4	2	6	6.5	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	363
12. Ayr . .	43,200	20	12	14	4	..	10	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	238
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	10	8	..	3	11	13.3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	7	54	30	41.0	0.01	34.7	259
14. Perth .	41,000	10	10	9	4	3	8	10.2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	7	54	25	41.4	0.01	33.5	185
15. Hamilton .	41,100	12	10	4	1	10	13	16.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	527
16. Falkirk .	37,000	10	3	10	4	..	6	8.5	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	276
17. Airdrie .	32,000	12	3	5	..	1	6	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	167
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov 3, 1956 .	2,593,200	854	412	608	94	55	569	11.5	33	17	1	30	4	6	2	..	11	10	12	28	113	96	29	348	55†	25†	41.8‡	0.09‡	25.5‡	
Oct 27, 1956 .	2,593,200	911	374	543	90	72	525	10.6	39	15	4	39	6	7	5	..	10	9	15	17	117	69	33	294	61†	26†	47.0‡	0.93‡	20.6‡	
Nov 5, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	855	365	627	101	72	598	12.0	24	13	6	34	4	7	1	..	11	11	24	35	108	88	36	375	59†	28†	44.1‡	0.49‡	21.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 10th November 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 10th November 1956, the births of 884 living children, and of 23 stillborn children, 267 marriages and 624 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.4 and the death-rate 12.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 25 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.6 more than in the previous week, and 2.1 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 1.1 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.5 in Greenock and 16.3 in Airdrie to 8.1 in Dunfermline and 6.4 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 15.8 and in Edinburgh 15.0. In Glasgow the rate was 11.8.

As in the previous week there were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 5, of which 4 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 6 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 44, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 41, being 11 more than in the previous week. Of these, 26 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 383, and are 35 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are 7 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 6th November 1956, was 17,730. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 47.7° being 5.9° above that for the previous week, and 5.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.28 inch, and the mean sunshine 15.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 45 **Week ended SATURDAY, November 10th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	71	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	5
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	41	..	3	1	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	21
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	..	..	..	..	42	..	3	1	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	21

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	1	9	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	9	..	3	1	1	4	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	59
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	13
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	38	..	1	10	1	..	..	37	1	..	1	13	..	4	1	1	18	..	26	4	..	..	..	..	95
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	1	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	23
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	1	21	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	2	..	..	3	..	14	5	..	..	..	..	32
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	9	33	..	3	3	125	..	5	5	..	..	..	183	3	..	3	96	..	2	4	..	19	..	48	5	1	..	..	..	80
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	20
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stirling B.	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	15	37	..	4	4	180	..	8	12	1	..	..	204	4	..	3	142	18	7	4	2	45	..	91	12	1	..	..	..	200
GRAND TOTAL	18	37	..	4	4	260	..	13	44	2	..	..	257	6	..	5	171	18	13	5	3	164	..	133	18	1	..	..	..	323

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 45

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 10, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 6, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 6th Nov. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	363	111	262	36	19	245	11.8	10	9	..	15	2	4	..	..	1	1	9	13	46	30	12	146	54	37	47.6	0.24	16.3	5,123
2. Edinburgh	467,000	125	49	149	17	2	134	15.0	2	6	2	8	2	4	..	..	..	..	2	2	34	21	4	85	55	41	47.4	0.13	16.9	1,439
3. Aberdeen	186,800	63	18	59	13	1	47	13.2	1	3	1	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	9	12	..	33	54	34	46.1	0.35	14.4	712
4. Dundee	178,500	65	16	39	3	4	40	11.7	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	5	4	3	27	53	38	46.4	0.19	13.0	712
5. Paisley	95,200	45	13	24	5	5	24	13.2	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	6	1	..	10	55	43	49.4	0.35	18.4	463
6. Greenock	77,500	37	5	25	2	3	26	17.5	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	5	..	18	55	42	48.9	0.37	13.5	482
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	35	12	16	6	5	15	11.2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	594
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	20	7	17	9	3	11	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	266
9. Coatbridge	50,700	22	4	5	..	4	9	9.3	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	355
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	3	7	2	2	7	8.1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	301
11. Clydebank	48,100	19	5	10	2	5	13	14.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	368
12. Ayr	43,200	11	2	13	3	3	13	15.8	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	287
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	16	4	8	4	3	7	8.4	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	4	56	36	47.9	0.32	18.8	264
14. Perth	41,000	13	5	17	7	..	10	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	57	36	47.6	0.27	14.8	133
15. Hamilton	41,100	17	4	5	1	1	5	6.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	597
16. Falkirk	37,000	5	5	13	6	1	8	11.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	260
17. Airdrie	32,000	15	4	7	..	3	10	16.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	176
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
Nov, 10 1956	2,593,200	884	267	676	116	64	624	12.6	23	26	4	41	11	11	2	..	5	4	20	24	125	93	22	383	57†	34†	47.7‡	0.28‡	15.8‡	
Nov 3, 1956	2,593,200	854	412	608	94	55	569	11.5	33	17	1	30	4	6	2	..	11	10	12	28	113	96	29	348	55†	25†	41.8‡	0.09‡	25.5‡	
Nov 12, 1955	2,587,900‖	802	283	614	95	64	583	11.7	24	11	2	24	..	7	1	4	8	6	21	25	104	88	27	361	58†	34†	48.5‡	1.35‡	11.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 46

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 17th November 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 17th November 1956, the births of 845 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 248 marriages and 597 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.0 and the death-rate 12.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 less than in the previous week, but 0.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average. The death-rate is 0.6 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.9 in Perth and 14.7 in Airdrie to 7.6 in Clydebank and 6.7 in Motherwell & Wishaw. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh 14.3 and in Kilmarnock 13.3. In Glasgow the rate was 11.8.

For the fourth successive week there were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 more than in the previous week, and the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 56, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 34, being 7 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 19 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 365, and are 18 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 25, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 13th November 1956, was 19,206. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 44.7° being 3.0° below that for the previous week, but 3.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.26 inch, and the mean sunshine 10.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 46 — **Week ended SATURDAY, November 17th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
NORTHERN REGION.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	4	3	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	8
EASTERN REGION.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dundee B.	1	..	..	..	..	45	..	1	..	..	..	..	25	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	23
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	47	..	1	..	..	..	..	25	2	..	..	5	..	1	..	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	27

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	2	..	..	..	..	18	..	1	12	..	..	..	7	2	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	5	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	69
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	11
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	22	..	2	15	1	..	..	71	2	..	1	15	..	..	..	..	14	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	117
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	12
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	22
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	17	..	1	1	..	8	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	16
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Glasgow B.	7	37	..	4	2	135	..	6	43	..	..	1	265	1	..	2	142	..	1	5	..	30	..	27	1	..	..	..	..	87
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	42	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	36
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	13
Port-Glasgow B.	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	43	..	4	3	255	..	10	45	3	..	1	317	2	..	3	204	14	4	7	2	72	..	67	9	..	..	..	..	225
GRAND TOTAL	14	43	..	5	3	331	..	13	61	4	..	1	413	6	..	5	228	18	8	7	3	119	..	105	10	..	..	..	..	380

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 17, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 13, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Disease	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 13th Nov. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	361	107	258	31	17	244	11.8	11	11	..	16	3	2	..	..	4	3	13	17	47	30	9	140	51	36	43.8	0.19	8.9	5,509
2. Edinburgh	467,000	141	39	150	25	3	128	14.3	2	3	1	6	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	7	22	19	6	86	53	39	45.6	0.33	15.8	1,592
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	50	20	60	15	1	46	12.9	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	12	12	2	27	52	37	43.9	0.26	12.4	674
4. Dundee .	178,500	72	19	42	12	3	33	9.7	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	10	1	24	52	35	42.6	0.53	9.1	715
5. Paisley .	95,200	28	12	22	5	3	20	11.0	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	5	..	12	53	39	46.7	0.06	8.8	440
6. Greenock .	77,500	19	12	19	1	..	18	12.1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	13	53	40	46.6	0.25	7.0	574
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	21	5	8	2	3	9	6.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	669
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	13	3	10	1	2	11	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	287
9. Coatbridge	50,700	27	3	8	2	4	10	10.3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	404
10. Dunfermline	45,200	13	2	12	4	2	10	11.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	341
11. Clydebank	48,100	28	1	6	1	2	7	7.6	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	413
12. Ayr . .	43,200	9	3	14	5	1	10	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	299
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	20	6	12	1	..	11	13.3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	7	55	37	45.7	0.32	7.9	306
14. Perth .	41,000	8	1	13	1	2	14	17.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	1	11	54	29	42.8	0.16	9.9	185
15. Hamilton .	41,100	15	5	5	..	4	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	565
16. Falkirk .	37,000	9	6	12	4	..	8	11.3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	289
17. Airdrie .	32,000	11	4	6	1	4	9	14.7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	202
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov 17, 1956 .	2,593,200	845	248	657	111	51	597	12.0	24	19	3	34	3	5	..	..	7	6	27	29	105	94	25	365	55†	29†	44.7‡	0.26‡	10.0‡	
Nov 10, 1956 .	2,593,200	884	267	676	116	64	624	12.6	23	26	4	41	11	11	2	..	5	4	20	24	125	93	22	383	57†	34†	47.7‡	0.28‡	15.8‡	
Nov 19, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	852	258	575	86	57	546	11.0	23	20	3	38	8	9	3	3	9	7	17	28	111	70	20	335	52†	24†	40.3‡	0.01‡	10.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 47

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 24th November 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 24th November 1956, the births of 876 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 272 marriages and 571 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.5 and the death-rate 11.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 1.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 0.5 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.6 in Coatbridge and 18.1 in Kilmarnock to 6.1 in Kirkcaldy and 5.1 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 15.4 and in Greenock 13.5. In Glasgow the rate was 11.1 and in Edinburgh 13.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia and 2 from influenza. In the previous four weeks there were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 more than in the previous week, and the latter 5 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 47, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 26, being 8 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 10 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 358, and are 7 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 20th November 1956, was 18,785. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 40.3° being 4.4° below that for the previous week, but the same as the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.28 inch, and the mean sunshine 3.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 47 — **Week ended SATURDAY, November 24th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
NORTHERN REGION.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Aberdeen C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	8	1	1	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5
EASTERN REGION.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	2	..	..	..	22	..	1	1	..	..	..	34	6	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	2	..	..	..	23	..	1	1	..	..	..	34	6	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	10

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	11
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	15
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	1	7	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	9	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	12
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	1	11	1	..	..	51	4	..	1	18	1	..	..	3	17	..	29	3	..	..	..	..	114
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	23
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	18	..	1	2	..	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	42
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Glasgow B.	6	76	..	2	6	144	..	3	..	..	..	..	245	..	..	1	122	..	3	7	..	17	..	31	1	..	..	..	..	92
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	9	77	..	2	10	216	..	4	7	..	..	..	292	2	..	1	172	15	5	9	..	45	..	63	6	..	..	..	..	250
GRAND TOTAL	12	79	..	2	10	272	..	7	21	1	..	..	379	12	..	3	202	17	6	9	3	98	..	101	11	..	..	..	..	382

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 24, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 20, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 20th Nov 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	391	119	244	31	18	231	11.1	7	5	2	15	1	3	..	1	8	8	14	13	34	32	7	142	52	26	38.7	0.25	6.2	5,319
2. Edinburgh	467,000	128	49	129	19	7	117	13.1	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	4	22	30	10	80	50	25	39.1	0.00	9.2	1,576
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	77	28	51	14	..	37	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	9	3	23	54	30	42.3	0.54	0.0	647
4. Dundee .	178,500	62	14	34	5	4	33	9.7	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	6	7	2	25	54	28	40.1	0.06	4.0	686
5. Paisley .	95,200	23	5	26	1	3	28	15.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	6	4	13	52	29	41.0	0.18	0.5	457
6. Greenock .	77,500	27	9	21	1	..	20	13.5	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	3	..	14	54	32	41.5	0.88	2.2	482
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	9	10	..	5	15	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	638
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	13	4	8	3	1	6	6.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	293
9. Coatbridge	50,700	34	4	10	..	9	19	19.6	2	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	364
10. Dunfermline	45,200	12	6	8	2	1	7	8.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	323
11. Clydebank	48,100	12	3	7	2	3	8	8.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	392
12. Ayr . .	43,200	14	5	13	4	2	11	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	255
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	14	3	16	4	3	15	18.1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	7	53	28	41.5	0.26	6.2	308
14. Perth .	41,000	5	5	8	5	1	4	5.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	55	23	37.9	0.03	1.9	176
15. Hamilton .	41,100	17	7	4	..	3	7	8.9	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	626
16. Falkirk .	37,000	7	1	13	5	..	8	11.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	315
17. Airdrie .	32,000	15	1	4	..	1	5	8.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	227
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov 24, 1956 .	2,593,200	876	272	606	96	61	571	11.5	25	10	3	26	2	4	..	3	11	11	17	30	97	106	28	358	55†	23†	40.3‡	0.28‡	3.8‡	
Nov 17, 1956 .	2,593,200	845	248	657	111	51	597	12.0	24	19	3	34	3	5	..	..	7	6	27	29	105	94	25	365	55†	29†	44.7‡	0.26‡	10.0‡	
Nov 26, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	887	334	635	120	42	557	11.2	29	13	4	26	5	8	2	2	12	11	13	25	108	69	20	332	56†	28†	44.4‡	0.06‡	10.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 1st December 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 1st December 1956, the births of 923 living children, and of 15 stillborn children, 310 marriages and 585 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.6 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.3 and the death-rate 11.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 16 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 2.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.8 more than in the previous week, but 0.9 below the average. The death-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.1 in Clydebank and 13.4 in Edinburgh to 4.2 in Falkirk and 3.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee 12.9 and in Glasgow 12.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 2 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from whooping cough.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, of which 7 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 4 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 56, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 3 more than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 363, and are 5 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 27th November 1956, was 18,360. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 40.9° being 0.6° above that for the previous week, but 0.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.64 inch, and the mean sunshine 12.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 48 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 1st, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	7	1	1	..	1	7	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	2	..	..	..	22	..	3	..	..	..	..	21	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	21
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1	2	..	..	..	29	..	3	..	..	..	..	21	4	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	23

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	6	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	20
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	23	..	1	10	1	..	..	6	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	4	9	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	87
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	28	..	1	10	1	..	..	58	1	..	2	21	..	..	..	4	20	..	26	5	..	..	..	..	..	137
WESTERN REGION.—																															
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	3	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	15	..	1	..	..	19	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	27
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	11	66	..	..	3	132	..	5	1	..	..	..	303	1	..	3	134	..	..	5	1	22	..	26	5	..	..	..	..	..	104
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	4	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	65
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	17	67	..	..	3	214	..	9	4	..	..	..	378	3	..	4	189	13	2	5	5	66	..	57	13	..	..	..	..	..	247
GRAND TOTAL	19	70	..	..	3	280	..	14	14	1	..	..	459	8	..	6	223	15	3	5	10	116	..	94	18	..	..	..	..	..	410

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 1, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 27, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 27th Nov. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	412	119	279	26	13	266	12.8	8	5	1	11	..	4	3	..	8	6	11	18	46	38	12	161	52	28	39.6	1.02	11.2	5,365
2. Edinburgh	467,000	133	51	129	12	3	120	13.4	2	3	..	5	2	..	..	1	..	..	6	4	34	24	6	77	53	31	41.1	0.19	12.6	1,530
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	52	28	55	17	2	40	11.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	11	5	1	30	57	31	40.1	0.55	16.1	676
4. Dundee .	178,500	72	27	42	6	8	44	12.9	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	9	5	2	30	54	31	39.4	0.12	12.1	665
5. Paisley .	95,200	35	20	14	4	3	13	7.1	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	2	..	4	53	30	42.4	0.97	11.1	432
6. Greenock .	77,500	42	7	19	4	1	16	10.8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	13	54	32	43.0	1.33	8.2	469
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	31	6	12	1	3	14	10.4	1	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	661
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	10	9	6	4	1	3	3.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	323
9. Coatbridge	50,700	30	4	3	..	3	6	6.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	359
10. Dunfermline	45,200	11	7	7	1	2	8	9.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	295
11. Clydebank	48,100	11	4	11	3	5	13	14.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	388
12. Ayr . .	43,200	8	4	10	2	2	10	12.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	286
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	7	8	2	2	8	9.6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	4	53	27	41.1	0.84	9.8	292
14. Perth .	41,000	19	4	11	5	2	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	55	29	40.6	0.09	15.2	161
15. Hamilton .	41,100	20	7	4	..	3	7	8.9	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	554
16. Falkirk .	37,000	11	3	7	4	..	3	4.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	268
17. Airdrie .	32,000	13	3	3	..	3	6	9.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	216
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
Dec 1, 1956 .	2,593,200	923	310	620	91	56	585	11.8	15	17	1	29	4	5	3	1	9	7	23	33	121	88	22	363	57†	27†	40.9‡	0.64‡	12.0‡	
Nov 24, 1956 .	2,593,200	876	272	606	96	61	571	11.5	25	10	3	26	2	4	..	3	11	11	17	30	97	106	28	358	55†	23†	40.3‡	0.28‡	3.8‡	
Dec 3, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	843	402	636	105	62	593	11.9	20	22	3	32	9	3	2	2	12	12	15	36	109	74	20	351	52†	36†	45.2‡	0.55‡	5.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 49

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES INFECTIOUS DISEASES NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT WEATHER REPORT

THE ROYAL SOCIETY for the Promotion OF HEALTH LIBRARY

Week ended Saturday, 8th December 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 8th December 1956, the births of 886 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 392 marriages and 593 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 7.9 and the death-rate 12.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 less than in the previous week, but 1.7 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.6 more than in the previous week, and 1.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.9 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.1 in Kilmarnock and 18.0 in Airdrie to 5.2 in Coatbridge and 3.7 in Motherwell & Wishaw. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 17.3 and in Ayr 15.8. In Glasgow the rate was 12.7 and in Edinburgh 12.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from measles, and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 4, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 57, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 39, being 10 more than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 6 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 357, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 1 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 4th December 1956, was 19,342. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 49.6° being 8.7° above that for the previous week, and 9.0° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.86 inch, and the mean sunshine 2.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 49 **Week ended SATURDAY, December 8th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
NORTHERN REGION.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	1	4	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	6
EASTERN REGION.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	2	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	2	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	29
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	2	..	..	7	..	1	..	1	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	37

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	4	19	..	..	..	6	1	..	1	15	..	2	..	1	6	..	18	2	..	..	..	..	..	62
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	61	..	6	19	..	..	1	33	1	..	1	28	..	3	1	1	14	..	27	4	..	..	..	..	..	107
WESTERN REGION.—																															
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	6	..	..	1	15	..	3	5	..	..	..	39	1	..	..	26	..	2	..	..	6	..	12	4	..	..	..	..	..	39
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	1	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	9	48	..	3	2	102	..	2	2	..	..	..	390	1	..	..	..	144	1	4	..	25	..	29	6	..	..	..	..	..	129
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	67
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	14	55	..	3	3	169	..	9	11	..	..	..	464	2	..	1	61	170	4	4	1	47	..	71	11	1	..	..	..	..	274
GRAND TOTAL	17	57	..	3	3	249	..	17	31	..	..	1	525	5	..	2	104	172	8	5	4	81	..	112	18	1	..	..	..	..	424

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 8, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 4, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 4th Dec. 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	430	173	275	28	17	264	12.7	11	10	3	25	4	7	..	..	3	3	15	13	48	26	13	136	52	42	48.9	1.33	..	5,286
2. Edinburgh	467,000	111	71	126	18	7	115	12.9	2	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	6	21	26	4	72	56	46	50.5	0.18	10.1	1,584
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	56	39	36	6	4	34	9.5	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	..	25	56	38	47.3	0.50	4.2	724
4. Dundee .	178,500	60	26	48	10	4	42	12.3	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	3	9	10	..	25	55	43	49.4	0.18	4.0	687
5. Paisley .	95,200	22	13	21	4	4	21	11.5	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	..	14	54	45	51.0	0.93	0.5	451
6. Greenock .	77,500	31	11	16	5	1	12	8.1	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	54	45	49.8	1.93	0.3	535
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	30	8	6	3	2	5	3.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	678
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	12	6	10	2	5	13	13.3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	305
9. Coatbridge	50,700	21	7	4	..	1	5	5.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	370
10. Dunfermline	45,200	20	4	17	7	5	15	17.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	2	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	313
11. Clydebank	48,100	20	5	13	4	4	13	14.1	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	372
12. Ayr . .	43,200	15	4	17	5	1	13	15.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	324
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	15	3	17	4	2	15	18.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	..	..	12	53	37	49.6	1.62	0.5	325
14. Perth .	41,000	12	7	4	2	3	5	6.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	55	42	50.0	0.21	1.5	193
15. Hamilton .	41,100	9	6	5	1	2	6	7.6	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	661
16. Falkirk .	37,000	10	4	11	7	..	4	5.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	274
17. Airdrie .	32,000	12	5	9	..	2	11	18.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	220
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec 8, 1956 .	2,593,200	886	392	635	106	64	593	12.0	22	17	6	39	5	12	1	2	4	4	27	30	105	83	21	357	56†	37†	49.6‡	0.86‡	2.6‡	
Dec 1, 1956 .	2,593,200	923	310	620	91	56	585	11.8	15	17	1	29	4	5	3	1	9	7	23	33	121	88	22	363	57†	27†	40.9‡	0.64‡	12.0‡	
Dec 10, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	830	343	640	102	59	597	12.0	16	18	3	40	4	8	3	..	8	5	36	25	130	78	28	361	56†	29†	42.3‡	1.77‡	6.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 15th December 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 15th December 1956, the births of 895 living children, and of 26 stillborn children, 308 marriages and 529 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.2 and the death rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 1.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.7 less than in the previous week, and 0.4 below the average. The death-rate is 1.3 less than in the previous week, and 2.9 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.7 in Dunfermline and 18.2 in Ayr to 7.7 in Paisley and 5.4 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Falkirk 16.9 and in Kilmarnock 14.5. In Glasgow the rate was 10.4 and in Edinburgh 11.0.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 10 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 more than in the previous week, and the latter 6 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 42, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.7 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 17, being 22 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 10 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 333, and are 24 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 11th December 1956, was 17,732. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 43.8° being 5.8° below that for the previous week, but 4.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 2.27 inches, and the mean sunshine 1.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 50 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 15th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	10	3	..	..	..	..	2
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dundee B.	1	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	4	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	12
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	1	..	..	..	..	27	..	2	..	..	..	..	39	8	..	..	10	..	2	..	..	7	..	15	2	..	..	..	..	18

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	11
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	28	..	1	10	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	19	..	..	..	1	3	..	12	5	..	..	..	..	67
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	41	..	2	10	..	..	..	22	..	..	1	27	..	..	..	1	15	..	20	6	..	..	..	..	112
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	11
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	2	15	..	4	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	1	20	..	1	..	..	3	..	13	3	..	..	..	..	23
Airdrie B.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Coatbridge B.	11	79	..	5	4	118	..	3	6	..	..	..	430	2	..	2	161	..	..	7	1	22	..	47	1	..	..	3	..	75
Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	2	5	1	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	86
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	84	..	5	6	169	..	9	12	..	..	1	478	2	..	5	216	19	1	7	2	38	..	88	5	..	..	3	..	222
GRAND TOTAL	14	84	..	5	6	245	..	14	22	..	..	1	542	10	..	6	258	21	4	7	3	70	..	134	16	..	..	3	..	354

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 15, 1956
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 11, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 11th Dec 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	399	125	237	33	11	215	10.4	11	6	..	8	..	1	1	1	5	4	6	13	39	33	7	131	52	33	44.1	2.31	0.6	4,955
2. Edinburgh	467,000	144	46	108	16	6	98	11.0	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	3	1	16	15	3	73	53	33	43.4	1.57	2.1	1,522
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	62	18	48	15	1	34	9.5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	24	50	33	41.2	0.82	6.2	652
4. Dundee .	178,500	75	22	34	5	2	31	9.1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	7	3	2	21	51	33	42.5	0.82	3.3	633
5. Paisley .	95,200	39	9	17	5	2	14	7.7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	3	1	10	53	34	44.1	3.24	0.5	433
6. Greenock .	77,500	27	13	16	4	1	13	8.8	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	7	53	35	45.5	4·67	..	435
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	17	10	12	5	6	13	9.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	7	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	613
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	13	8	13	2	2	13	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	8	..	..	..	..	..	308
9. Coatbridge	50,700	21	4	7	1	4	10	10.3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	324
10. Dunfermline	45,200	14	7	18	3	2	17	19.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	290
11. Clydebank	48,100	22	7	4	1	2	5	5.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	362
12. Ayr . .	43,200	12	10	14	3	4	15	18.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	365
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	13	8	13	3	2	12	14.5	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	7	53	34	45.7	3.03	1.0	262
14. Perth .	41,000	6	5	14	4	1	11	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	5	52	33	43.6	1.70	1.5	183
15. Hamilton .	41,100	13	7	5	..	4	9	11.5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	573
16. Falkirk .	37,000	10	5	12	..	..	12	16.9	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	276
17. Airdrie .	32,000	8	4	4	..	3	7	11.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	195
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec 15, 1956 .	2,593,200	895	308	576	100	53	529	10.7	26	10	2	17	1	5	1	1	11	10	14	28	88	76	28	333	53†	33†	43.8‡	2.27‡	1.9‡	
Dec 8, 1956 .	2,593,200	886	392	635	106	64	593	12.0	22	17	6	39	5	12	1	2	4	4	27	30	105	83	21	357	56†	37†	49.6‡	0.86‡	2.6‡	
Dec 17, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	880	358	709	122	60	647	13.0	21	20	3	40	3	10	3	..	7	6	27	31	98	105	21	405	49†	16†	37.1‡	1.38‡	8.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 51

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 22nd December 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 22nd December 1956, the births of 900 living children, and of 15 stillborn children, 397 marriages and 629 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.0 and the death-rate 12.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 16 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 2.7 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.8 more than in the previous week, but 0.8 below the average. The death-rate is 2.0 more than in the previous week, but 0.8 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.0 in Paisley and 16.2 in Dunfermline to 6.2 in Coatbridge and 6.0 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 15.8 and in Greenock 15.5. In Glasgow the rate was 12.1 and in Edinburgh 13.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 14, of which 11 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 46, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.6 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 28, being 11 more than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 407, and are 74 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 2 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 18th December 1956, was 15,361. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 40.7° being 3.1° below that for the previous week, but 1.5° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.39 inch, and the mean sunshine 8.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 51 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 22nd, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	4	..	..	..	5	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	2
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dundee B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	3	..	..	..	55	3	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	22
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Total	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	3	..	..	..	55	3	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	6	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	31

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Edinburgh B.	2	..	..	..	..	26	..	1	6	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	18	..	1	..	2	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	2	1	..	..	..	40	..	2	6	..	..	..	29	..	..	2	23	..	1	1	2	7	..	13	3	..	..	..	..	111
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	12
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	26	..	2	..	..	2	..	21	2	..	..	..	..	14
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Glasgow B.	5	53	..	..	2	98	..	2	..	..	..	..	308	..	..	1	181	..	..	..	..	23	..	39	5	1	..	..	..	106
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	51
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	6	59	..	1	3	130	..	4	27	..	..	..	371	..	..	3	236	16	3	..	..	53	..	82	9	1	..	..	..	222
GRAND TOTAL	8	60	..	1	3	199	..	6	36	..	..	..	455	3	..	5	280	20	4	1	2	82	..	118	14	1	..	..	..	366

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 51

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 22, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 18, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 18th Dec 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,100	415	187	269	31	13	251	12.1	7	6	3	12	1	2	..	1	7	6	8	7	42	35	12	158	46	33	39.9	0.43	1.2	4,125
2. Edinburgh	467,000	128	67	120	9	6	117	13.1	2	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	2	2	6	6	24	13	6	80	47	35	41.6	0.19	12.9	1,254
3. Aberdeen .	186,800	47	25	59	13	..	46	12.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	2	1	7	11	..	31	45	30	38.4	0.17	21.5	580
4. Dundee .	178,500	76	18	52	7	6	51	14.9	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	..	16	6	1	35	45	32	39.1	0.31	9.4	528
5. Paisley .	95,200	36	16	31	6	6	31	17.0	1	4	..	5	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	4	3	16	48	36	42.6	0.51	3.9	381
6. Greenock .	77,500	30	15	21	..	2	23	15.5	3	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	4	1	..	15	48	38	42.8	0.70	2.9	456
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	24	13	11	2	5	14	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	547
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	11	6	15	4	2	13	13.3	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	250
9. Coatbridge	50,700	29	5	4	..	2	6	6.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	302
10. Dunfermline	45,200	14	8	14	2	2	14	16.2	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	240
11. Clydebank	48,100	19	5	8	..	6	14	15.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	294
12. Ayr . .	43,200	22	6	15	5	3	13	15.8	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	254
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	24	9	9	4	..	5	6.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	47	36	42.0	0.64	5.3	222
14. Perth .	41,000	9	6	7	..	..	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	47	31	39.4	0.13	7.1	142
15. Hamilton .	41,100	8	5	3	..	3	6	7.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	515
16. Falkirk .	37,000	7	..	12	3	1	10	14.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	237
17. Airdrie .	32,000	10	6	4	..	4	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	148
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec 22, 1956 .	2,593,200	900	397	654	86	61	629	12.7	15	17	4	28	6	5	1	2	14	11	26	20	113	90	26	407	48†	30†	40.7‡	0.39‡	8.0‡	
Dec 15, 1956 .	2,593,200	895	308	576	100	53	529	10.7	26	10	2	17	1	5	1	1	11	10	14	28	88	76	28	333	53†	33†	43.8‡	2.27‡	1.9‡	
Dec 24, 1955 .	2,587,900‖	865	485	745	96	47	696	14.0	19	7	3	22	1	8	..	3	14	13	23	45	115	120	32	432	50†	16†	33.1‡	0.97‡	13.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 52

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 29th December 1956

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 29th December 1956, the births of 919 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 704 marriages and 606 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 14.2 and the death-rate 12.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 6.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.7 below the average. The death-rate is 0.5 less than in the previous week, and 1.6 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.6 in Perth and 15.8 in Ayr to 6.7 in Greenock and 5.8 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Falkirk and Coatbridge 15.5 and in Aberdeen and Dundee 14.6. In Glasgow the rate was 11.6 and in Edinburgh 13.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 2 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 44, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 24, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 11 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 381, and are 26 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 40, and are 14 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 25th December 1956, are not available. These will be included in next week's return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 36.4° being 4.3° below that for the previous week, and 2.5° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.99 inch, and the mean sunshine 2.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 52 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 29th, 1956.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
Northern Region.—																														
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	7	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..
North-Eastern Region.—																														
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	2	8	4	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eastern Region.—																														
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	39	2	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	23
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	39	2	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	6	..	6	4	..	..	..	..	27

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dunfermline B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	31
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	16
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	8	..	2	..	2	5	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	63
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	6
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	24	..	1	4	..	..	..	7	..	..	2	11	..	2	..	2	17	..	20	2	..	..	..	..	128
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	20	..	1	1	..	7	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	12
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Glasgow B.	8	25	..	3	4	87	..	1	2	..	..	..	130	1	..	2	164	..	2	4	1	19	..	29	2	..	..	..	..	71
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	49
Paisley B.	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	13	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	38	..	3	4	144	..	4	2	2	..	..	160	1	..	4	237	15	4	5	3	42	..	50	5	..	..	1	..	185
GRAND TOTAL	9	39	..	3	4	196	..	7	6	2	..	..	224	3	..	8	274	19	6	5	5	76	..	85	13	..	..	1	..	340

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 52

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 29, 1956

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 25, 1956

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1955	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Still-births	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ending 25th Dec 1956
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,100	410	325	268	39	11	240	11.6	7	6	1	13	1	4	1	..	7	7	9	14	42	39	13	140	45	25	34.6	0.37	0.2	Not Available
2. Edinburgh	467,000	129	112	136	19	6	123	13.8	5	1	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	15	21	14	85	45	26	34.4	0.39	9.6	
3. Aberdeen	186,800	50	49	61	11	2	52	14.6	3	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	3	12	7	2	27	44	33	37·6	2·49	1·9	
4. Dundee	178,500	66	32	55	11	6	50	14.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	3	17	4	33	44	31	37.2	1.84	3.2	
5. Paisley	95,200	26	29	20	6	5	19	10.4	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	1	13	47	26	36.8	0.28	..	
6. Greenock	77,500	31	26	14	5	1	10	6.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	1	8	46	28	36.3	0.98	..	
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	70,300	25	21	13	5	5	13	9.7	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Kirkcaldy	51,100	15	29	13	4	1	10	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	
9. Coatbridge	50,700	29	10	14	..	1	15	15.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	4	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	
10. Dunfermline	45,200	31	12	7	2	..	5	5.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	
11. Clydebank	48,100	15	8	8	1	3	10	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	
12. Ayr	43,200	12	13	15	3	1	13	15.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	
13. Kilmarnock	43,400	19	17	8	1	1	8	9.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	46	28	37.7	0.17	7.3	
14. Perth	41,000	10	11	17	6	2	13	16.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	8	45	25	36.6	1.41	0.7	
15. Hamilton	41,100	26	5	7	1	1	7	8.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	
16. Falkirk	37,000	14	7	18	8	1	11	15.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	
17. Airdrie	32,000	11	7	6	..	1	7	11.4	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec 29, 1956	2,593,200	919	704	680	122	48	606	12.2	21	11	2	24	2	6	2	1	11	9	16	28	89	108	40	381	47†	25†	36.4‡	0.99‡	2.9‡	
Dec 22, 1956	2,593,200	900	397	654	86	61	629	12.7	15	17	4	28	6	5	1	2	14	11	26	20	113	90	26	407	48†	30†	40.7‡	0.39‡	8.0‡	
Dec 31, 1955	2,587,900‖	939	831	758	127	68	699	14.1	27	15	2	45	3	5	..	6	15	15	26	47	119	103	40	432	55†	27†	43.1‡	1.52‡	8.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

** These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1954.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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